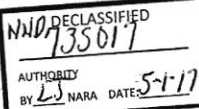


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 LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

(1) VIII Corps: Continued advance to the North and reached P4558. 101st Airborne Div continued to hold BASTOGNE. 9th Armd Div engaged vicinity SENON CHAMPS (P5157).

(2) III Corps: Continued attack and made slight gains in direction of BERLE (P6552) and TRENTTELHOF (P6553). 35 Inf Div captured LUTREBOIS (P5653). 6 Armd Div captured MAGARET (P6059), OUBOURCHY (P6161) and BIZORY (P5858).

(3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.

(4) XX Corps: Continued improvement of positions.

b. First French Army:

(1) II Corps: 2 DB being relieved by 1 DMI in positions.

(2) I Corps: Patrol activity in sector continued.

c. Air: XII TAC: Destroyed 6 locomotives, 101 railroad cars, 6 motor transport, 1 armored vehicle, 4 tanks, 6 container tanks, 19 buildings; damaged 14 locomotives, 328 railroad cars, 4 motor transport, 1 tunnel, 1 supply dump, 13 buildings, 4 marshalling yards, made 12 railcuts and 2 road blocks; destroyed 6 enemy aircraft, 4 probably destroyed and damaged. One enemy aircraft destroyed and 1 probably destroyed; 9 buildings, 2 railroad cars and 15 motor transport destroyed. Damaged 11 buildings, 10 motor transport, 14 armored vehicles, made 1 rail cut and 1 road block in the SAARBRUCKEN - HOMBURG - KAISERLAUTERN - LANDAU area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold; visibility excellent.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

(1) 106 Cav Gp: Held positions on line Q3072 - Q3370 - Q3967 - Q3666 against heavy enemy pressure.

(2) 103 Inf Div: Maintained positions.

(3) 44 Inf Div: Enemy infantry crossed BLIES River vic Q5658, and was decimated by our arty. 71 Inf forced to withdraw to line along the railroad from Q5956 to Q6353. Counterattack later in the day from vic Q6056 and Q6254 restored line. Elements of 253 Inf (attached to 44 Inf Div from TF HARRIS) vic Q6254.

(4) 100 Inf Div: 399 Inf held line Q7550, Q7448 against strong enemy pressure. Elements of 141 Inf (attached to 100 Inf Div from 36 Inf Div)

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maintained positions at Q7447, Q7445, Q7343. A small counterattack was repulsed.

- (5) 2 DB: Continued assembling in the POSTROFF (Q5128) - DRULINGEN (Q6030) area.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) TF HUDELSON: Reverted to control of 14 Armd Div, and began movement to the division assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125). Armored infantry withdrew to line Q7741 - Q7943.

- (2) 45 Inf Div: Late in the period, elements of 157 Inf, 180 Inf and 36 Engr (C) Regt began withdrawal to MAGINOT positions. Elements of 179 Inf moved at 020400A to vic WINGEN (Q7335) on corps left flank, and attacked NE at 021100A, made slight progress. Other elements of 179 Inf continued advance to the north, and engaged the enemy vic GROETZENBACH (Q7442), and Q7239. 275 Inf (attached to 45 Inf Div from TF HERREN) attacked NW and reached Q8845, SE edge of BAERENTHAL (Q8442) and Q8543. Elements 313 Inf (attached to 45 Inf Div from 79 Inf Div) advanced to REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037); engaged enemy tanks and infantry in town. Elements of 314 Inf (attached to 45 Inf Div from 79 Inf Div) moving to REIPERTSWILLER to join the 313 Inf.

- (3) 79 Inf Div: Sector generally quiet. Elements of 315 Inf, 314 Inf, and 313 Inf began withdrawal to MAGINOT positions toward end of period. TF LINDEN attached to 79 Inf Div at 021100A.

- (4) TF HERREN (less 276 Inf) attached 79 Inf Div at 011800A. 276 Inf (attached to 45 Inf Div) moved to ZITTERSHEIM (Q7133) and occupied positions at VOLKSBERG (Q6838) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) and INGWILLER (Q8130). Elements 274 Inf began withdrawal to MAGINOT positions at 022000A.

- (5) TF LINDEN: Moved to defensive positions along the line V8592 - V8589 - OBERNAI (V8184). TF LINDEN attached to 79 Inf Div at 021100A.

- (6) 14 Armd Div: CCA rejoined division vic BOUXWILLER (R1825) at 021650A. 117 Rcn Sq attached to division.

- c. XXI Corps: Hq and Hq Co and organic troops closed BACCARAT (V2684) at 012045A.

- d. 12 Armd Div: Rehabilitation and training continued. Maintained counter-reconnaissance screen West of SARRE River and South of MAGINOT Line.

- e. 36 Inf Div: 141 Inf closed in area WALDHAMBACH (Q6236) at 012000A, and passed to control of 100 Inf Div on arrival.

- f. CP Changes: Seventh Army opened LUNEVILLE (V0999) at 021200A. 2 DB DRULINGEN (Q6030). 100 Inf Div WALDHAMBACH (Q6236). 45 Inf Div MULHAUSEN (R8631).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 44 Inf Div: Satisfactory (rating given as a result of high non-battle casualties). All others Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Strong enemy attacks repulsed in the BITCHE - FORBACH sector. Regrouped forces to contain and destroy hostile penetration in the BITCHE - BAERENTHAL sector. Retrograde movement to MAGINOT Positions in the WISSEMBOURG - LAUTERBOURG sector commenced at end of period, as ordered.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 012359A:

Killed	5890
Captured	147
Missing	4875
Wounded	31288

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 012359A: 72,727.

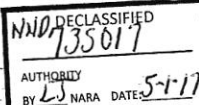
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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) VIII Corps: Captured CHENOGNE (Q4856).
- (2) III Corps: 6 Armd Div: Advanced to high ground East of NEFFE (P5857) and west of WARDIN (P6056). 35 Inf Div in LUTREBOIS (P5653).
- (3) XII Corps: All divisions maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 95 Inf Div assisted 106 Cav Gp repulse a counterattack.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change.
- (2) I Corps: Repulsed enemy patrols at KEMBS (A8598), ILE NAPOLEON (V7408) and THANN (V5315).

- c. Air: XII TAC: Destroyed 15 enemy aircraft, 22 motor transport, 1 tank, 4 locomotives, 25 railroad cars, 18 buildings; damaged 10 enemy aircraft, 5 motor transport, 11 tanks, 9 locomotives, 70 railway cars, 4 AA guns, 26 buildings, in the area LANDAU - KAISERSLAUTERN - NOHFELDEN - SAARLAUTERN. Destroyed 2 tanks, 23 motor transport, 11 horse drawn transport, 12 railway cars, 7 buildings, 30 horses, 1 flak gun; made 27 railcuts, 2 road cuts; damaged 3 tanks, 77 motor transport, 1 locomotive, 17 horsedrawn vehicles, 109 railway cars, 1 flak position in the area LANDAU - KAISERSLAUTERN - NOHFELDEN - SAARLAUTERN - FIRMSSENS. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold; visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Forced to make slight withdrawals. Enemy penetrated to Q3269. Later during the period, 5 counterattacks were repulsed. Elements XX Corps assisted the 106 Cav Gp by fire.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Continued to improve defensive positions.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: Enemy attack in sectors of 71 Inf and 114 Inf forced slight withdrawal. Counterattack restored position. 71 Inf cleared enemy from woods vic Q5956. 324 Inf repulsed enemy attempt to cross BLITS River vic Q5659. 253 Inf (attached to 44 Inf Div from TF HARRY moved to vic WITTRING (Q5750) and established a general line (Q5751) - SILTZHEIM (Q5351) - Q5152.

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- (4) 100 Inf Div: 399 Inf forced to withdraw to ridge vic Q7450. Counter attack restored positions. 398 Inf maintained positions. 397 Inf repulsed counterattack vic Q6855. 255 Inf (attached to 100 Inf Div from TF HARRIS) closed vic DEHLINGEN (Q6042) at 0500A. 141 Inf (attached to 100 Inf Div from 36 Inf Div) began relief of 399 Inf and organized positions on line SARRENSBURG (Q7441) - Q7445.
- (5) CCL, 14 Armd Div: Established a reconnaissance screen at 011330A on line BINING (Q6448) - LCHEN (Q6041) - WITTRING (Q5750).
- (6) 2 DB: Continued movement into assembly area vic POSTROFF (Q5128).

b. VI Corps:

- (1) TF HUDELSON: An enemy attack in the BITCHE area at beginning of period penetrated to BANNSTEIN (Q8344) before daylight. Armored Infantry sent to BAERENTHAL (Q8442) area at 1030A to reinforce the left flank.
- (2) 45 Inf Div: No change in forward positions. 36 Engr (C) Regt (attached to 45 Inf Div) relieved elements of 179 Inf. 313 Inf (attached to 45 Inf Div) closed in assembly area vic REICHSHOFFEN (Q9537) at 1730A. 275 Inf closed NIEDERBRONN (Q9339). Elements of 314 Inf and 315 Inf, attached to 45 Inf Div began movement to ZINSWILLER (Q8935).
- (3) 79 Inf Div: Sector quiet; patrolling continued.
- (4) TF HERREN: 274 Inf extended positions and relieved the 276 Inf which closed in assembly area vic R0821 at 1530A.
- (5) TF LINDEN: 222 Inf relieved 242 Inf in position. 242 Inf assembled vic HOLTZHEIM (V9395).
- (6) 14 Armd Div (-): Blocked passes vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338), NEUWILLER (Q9740), INGWILLER (Q8130), ROTHBACH (Q8534) and ZINSWILLER (Q8935).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. 12 Armd Div: Reconnaissance elements established screen west of SAAR River and south of MAGINOT Line. In position at 011845A.

e. 36 Inf Div: 141 Inf moved to WALDHAMBACH area (Q6236), attached to 100 Inf Div; closed 012000A.

f. CP's: XXI Corps opened BACCARAT (V2684) 012045A.

g. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Maintained essential positions against enemy attacks without serious loss of ground.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 312359A:

Killed	5586
Captured	147
Missing	5223
Wounded	31096

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF 312359A: 72,535.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
6 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) VIII Corps: Advanced to LONGCHAMPS (P5363) and P3660.
- (2) III Corps: Elements 6 Armd Div reached P5955. Elements of 26 Div advanced to P6952.
- (3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: No change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Made slight progress against Hill 216 (V6548). Numerous infiltration attempts between NOIRMONT (V5545) and LAC NOIR (V5446) repulsed.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC: Flew no missions due to unfavorable weather. Bomb Safety Line: No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold; visibility poor.

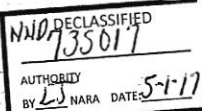
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Attacked in direction of SCHAFFHAUSEN (Q3273). Made little progress against determined enemy resistance. Elements 121 Cav Sq relieved by 103 Rcn Troop (103 Inf Div) in positions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Maintained defensive positions and conducted night patrols. 103 Cav Rcn Tr relieved elements 106 Cav Gp from Div left boundary to GRANDE ROSSELLE (Q3567) incl.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: 253 Inf (attached) received counterattack at 0300A and was forced to withdraw 2 kms. 114 Inf conducted raid across SAAR River. Elements 71 Inf relieved elements 2 DB vicinity GROS REDERCHING (Q6252).
- (4) 100 Inf Div: 141 Inf (attached) repulsed counterattack vicinity SARRE-INSBURG (Q7441). Elements 399 Inf advanced to high ground vicinity Q7442, but forced to withdraw to original positions. Elements 255 Inf (attached) occupied positions vicinity LAMBACH (Q7248). 397 Inf halted enemy penetration, counterattacked and restored original line vicinity Q6254, Q6855.
- (5) 36 Inf Div: Div (less 141 Inf) moved to assembly area vicinity MONT-BRONN (Q6844). Div, except minor elements, closed by end of period.

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- (6) 12 Armd Div: Continued training and rehabilitation. Maintained counter-reconnaissance screen West of SAAR River and South of the MAGINOT Line.
- (7) 2 DB: CCL attacked to the North, occupied ACHEN (Q5949) and GROS REDERCHING (Q6252). CCD maintained contact with 100 Inf Div. Remainder of Div closed in vicinity DRULINGEN (Q6030).

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 157 Inf, 180 Inf and 36 Engr (C) Regt (attached) completed withdrawal to MAGINOT Positions. 180 Inf began movement to vicinity of WIMMENAU (Q7634) at close of period. 313 Inf (attached) heavily engaged vicinity REIFERTSWILLER (Q8037). 314 Inf (attached) attacked to NW, occupied ridge vicinity Q7936. 179 Inf continued attack NE against strong enemy resistance. 276 Inf (attached) held positions on line VOLKSBERG (Q6838) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) - INGWILLER (Q8130). TF HERREN attached to 45 Inf Div on arrival in area LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929). Elements 14 Armd Div attached to 45 Inf Div.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: Completed withdrawal to MAGINOT Positions. 274 Inf (attached) relieved by elements of 232 Inf (TF LINDEN) and 79 Cav Ren Tr, moved to assembly area vicinity LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929).
- (3) TF HERREN: Attached to 45 Inf Div vicinity LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929) on arrival.
- (4) TF LINDEN: One Bn 232 Inf relieved 2 Bns 274 Inf (TF HERREN) in MAGINOT Line and RHINE positions.
- (5) 14 Armd Div: 19 Armd Inf Bn, one Co 25 Tank Bn, one Co 47 Tank Bn, one Tr 117 Ren Sq attached to 45 Inf Div. 48 Tank Bn moved to IMBSHEIM (Q7922) - RIEDSHEIM (R8123) area. Remainder Div assembled vicinity BOUXWILLER (R8126).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP's: No change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 44 Inf Div: Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp: Very Good.
All others: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Maintained positions in the GRANDE ROSELLE - SARREGUEMINES - BETTVILLER sector. GROS REDERCHING and ACHEN retaken. Defensive positions held against strong enemy attacks in REIFERTSWILLER - SARREINBERG sector. Withdrawal to and occupation of MAGINOT Line positions completed in WINDSTEIN (Q9543) - MATTSTAL (R0243) - BIRENBACH (R1042) - OBER-ROEDERN (R1735) - SOUFFLENHEIM (R1625) sector.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF Q223594:

Killed	5916
Captured	150
Missing	5132
Wounded	31482

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF Q223594: 72,998.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
7 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) VIII Corps: Advanced to line P4560 - P4954. 87th Inf Div and 17 A/B Div attacked to NE and made slight gains.
- (2) III Corps: Made small advance to the North. 6 Armd Div repulsed counterattacks and consolidated positions.
- (3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: No change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change in positions.
- (2) I Corps: Repulsed strong enemy raid vicinity KEMBS (V8298).

c. Air: XII TAC attacked gun positions and enemy concentrations in close support of XV Corps and VI Corps. Destroyed 3 motor transports, 18 buildings, damaged 1 locomotive, 6 boxcars, 6 motor transport, caused 8 road blocks and 1 rail cut in the ZWEIBRUCKEN - BITCHE - BANNSTEIN area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold; intermittent snow. Visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Outposted positions at Q3370, Q3368, Q3267.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 410 Inf carried out Bn reliefs in position. 411 Inf made daylight raid on BEHREN (Q4263) with fair results. 409 Inf guarded assigned bridges and continued improvements on new M.R.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: 2 Bn, 71 Inf, withdrew to vicinity Q5952 after unsuccessful attempts to relieve 2 DB in GROS REDERCHING (Q6252) then cleared woods at Q5951 and reverted to Regimental reserve. One Bn, 253 Inf (attached) attacked and seized positions on line Q6153 - Q6050. Advance elements 141 Inf (attached) reached Q6153. 253 Inf (attached) relieved 114 Inf in position by 1905A. 324 Inf (attached) attacked FRAUENBERG (Q8539) with little success.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: 141 Inf reverted to control of 36 Inf Div at 1500A. Balance of Div (including attached units) continued active patrolling of sector and defense of present positions.

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- (5) 36 Inf Div: Div completely closed in MONTBRONN (Q6844) area by 0700A. 141 Inf reverted to Div control at 1500A, and launched small attack in zone which reached Q7443, but enemy counterattack forced slight withdrawal.
- (6) 12 Armd Div: No change.
- (7) 2 DB: Elements CCL holding GROS REIDERCHING (Q6252), were counter-attacked before being relieved by 44 Inf Div. Withdrew to high ground to the south of town.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: Continued action to reduce enemy salient in SARREINSBURG (Q7441), WIMMENAU (Q7634), PHILLIESBOURG (Q8842). All Bns were in contact with enemy during period. 180 Inf (- one Bn) attacked to the north at 1000A from Q7434 against moderate resistance and reached Q7637. 313 Inf (- one Bn) (attached), plus 1st Bn, 315 Inf (attached) heavily engaged in REIPERTSWILLER (Q8057) area during period. One Bn, 314 Inf, reached south edge of SAEGMUHL (Q7937). 275 Inf (attached) held positions at Q8442, Q8742, Q8841. 157 Inf (1 Bn 315 Inf attached) in firm contact with enemy vicinity DAMBACH (Q9244). 36 Engr Regt improved their positions. TF HERREN, operating in left of Div zone, engaged enemy which had infiltrated vicinity WINGEN (Q7335).
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 242 Inf (attached) began relief of 314 Inf. Positions vicinity W0497 were taken over by 2 Bn, 222 Inf (attached). * 1st Bn, 222 Inf, moved to HOERDT (R0310).
- (3) TF LINDEN: Regrouped units and continued to defend and patrol the RHINE River line.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: The Div remained in Corps reserve vicinity BOUXWILLER (Q8124).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP Changes: 79 Inf Div opened HAGUENAU (Q0323) at 1340A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 44 Inf Div and 36 Inf Div: Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp: Very Satisfactory. All others: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 45 Inf Div continued operations to reduce the enemy salient SE of BITCHE. XV Corps acted to reestablish original positions in sector of 44 Inf Div. Enemy pressure continued heavy in center of Army sector.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 032359A:

Killed	5977
Captured	150
Missing	5279
Wounded	31749

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 032359A: 73,383.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
8 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) VIII Corps: Continued attack to the North, making slight gains. 101 Airborne Div repelled counterattacks NE BASTOGNE. 28 Inf Div continued defense of MEUSE River sector.
- (2) III Corps: Heavy fighting took place in sectors of 26 and 35 Inf Divs, 6 Armd Div readjusted its front lines.
- (3) XII Corps: All Divs continued aggressive patrolling.
- (4) XX Corps: 95 Inf Div launched limited objective attack in SAARLAUTERN bridgehead against moderate resistance.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Enemy raiders entered the town of NEUNKIRCH (V9167) and eastern edge of ERSTEIN (V9582), but were dislodged and annihilated.
- (2) I Corps: 3 DIA began movement to STRASBOURG area. Advance Detachment of 10 Div (FFI) arrived in REMIREMONT (K1744) area.

- c. Air: XXI TAC destroyed 8 railroad cars, 3 motor transport, 3 buildings, 3 locomotives, 24 railroad cars, 10 motor transports, 1 light flak gun; caused 3 rail cuts in the BITCHE - HOMBURG - KAISERLAUTERN - LANDAU area. Destroyed 4 enemy aircraft, 2 locomotives, 32 railroad cars, 22 motor transport, 9 buildings; damaged 3 enemy aircraft, 4 locomotives, 27 railroad cars, 11 motor transports, 8 buildings, 1 gun, 1 tunnel, 1 tank, 1 fuel dump and caused 3 rail cuts in the HOMBURG - KAISERLAUTERN - LANDAU area. Destroyed 6 buildings and caused 2 road blocks in BITCHE and destroyed 3 barges near GAMBERSHEIM. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold, clearing later in day; visibility fair.

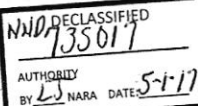
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued occupation of defensive positions, patrolled in sector, prepared road blocks and laid mines. Contact maintained with 95 Inf Div on left flank.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Improved positions on MLR and commenced work on alternate positions. Patrols were active during the period.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: Relief of 71 Inf by 114 Inf completed at 1200A. 253 Inf attacked and retook GROS RUDERCHING (Q6252). A Bn of 324 Inf attacked and captured FRAUENBERG (Q5559) after 1 hour of fighting.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: No change in front line dispositions. One Bn 398 Inf be-

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gan relief of 255 Inf elements in the line.

(5) 36 Inf Div: One Bn 141 Inf engaged in fire fight in sector at 0630A; no ground lost. 142 Inf began to relieve 141 Inf in the line.

(6) 12 Armd Div: No change.

(7) 2 DB: CCL maintained contact with 44 and 100 Inf Divs.

b. VI Corps:

(1) 45 Inf Div: Sectors of 157 Inf and 36 Engr Regt were quiet. 275 Inf, with one Bn 274 Inf attached, attacked NW at daybreak, cleared PHILLIP-PSBOURG (Q8742) and advanced to line Q8542, Q8541, Q3539, Q8440, against stiff resistance. 313 Inf (one Bn, 314 Inf attached) held vicinity REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037), WILDENGUTH (Q7938), and pushed to the North in the center; reached Q7930 against stubborn opposition. At 0800, 180 Inf renewed the attack with 2 Bns, and advanced to a line Q7638 - Q7738 against heavy mortar, small arms, and MG fire. 180 Inf and 179 Inf established firm contact, after repulsing several enemy attempts at infiltration behind their positions. Pressure was exerted on MEISEN-THAL (Q7241), WINGEN (Q7336) and nearly all of WINGEN was cleared by two Bns 276 Inf toward end of period. One Bn 274 Inf maintained defensive positions on line VOLKSBERG (Q6839) - ROSTEIG (Q7137).

(2) 79 Inf Div: 242 Inf (less one Bn) relieved 314 Inf (less one Bn) in MAGINOT Positions and assumed command of sector at 0715A. 314 Inf (less one Bn) moved to BISCHWILLER late in the afternoon. 315 Inf (less one Bn) was relieved in MAGINOT Positions by two Bns, 222 Inf, at 1800A, and assembled in the KUTCHENHAUSEN (R0637) - FREUSCHDORF (R0438) area. 232 Inf (less one Bn) with one Bn, 242 Inf, one Bn, 222 Inf, reconnaissance and tank elements attached, began operations vicinity GAMBESHEIM to liquidate hostile forces which had crossed the RHINE River in that area early in the period. By the end of the period, our forces had reached woods N of GAMBESHEIM, and cleared KILSTETT (R0909), against heavy small arms fire.

(3) 14 Armd Div: No change.

(4) 3 DIA: Division began relief of elements TF LINDEN, attached to VI Corps until completion of relief. One reinforced Bn, 232 Inf and one Bn, 222 Inf were relieved in STRASBOURG area by 4 RPT, and began movement to the North of new army boundary, in sector.

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP Changes: No change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs - Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory. All others - Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Reduction of the enemy salient in the BITCHE area was continued. 3 DIA, First French Army, began relief of TF LINDEN in the STRASBOURG sector. 79 Inf Div regrouped its forces and launched an attack to destroy enemy forces which had crossed RHINE River in the GAMBESHEIM area. Defensive positions were maintained by XV Corps; 44 Inf Div retook GROS REDERCHING.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 042359A:

Killed	6030
Captured	150
Missing	5423
Wounded	32187

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 042359A: 73836.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) VIII Corps: 17th Airborne Div: Advanced to line VP455576 -- VP460582 - VP471586. No change in remainder of Corps.
- (2) III Corps: Continued heavy fighting with no change in positions.
- (3) XII Corps: 5th Inf Div: Extending its front to the W to take over part of 80th Inf Div front. 80th Inf Div: Has two bridges over SALLER River with infantry elements across.
- (4) XX Corps: No change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Very quiet day on entire II Corps front. Normal activity of patrols establishing contact.
- (2) I Corps: Raid on ILE NAPOLEON (V7407) repulsed. Remainder of sector quiet.

c. Air: XII TAC flew no missions 6 January. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cool; visibility fair to poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

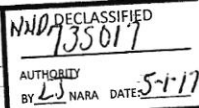
a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued occupation and improvement of defensive position in its sector.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Continued improvement of defensive positions.
- (3) 44th Inf Div: 114 Inf attacked at 0800A from GROS REDERCHING (Q6252) and advanced to line (Q620540) - (Q630533) against heavy enemy resistance. 2nd Bn 71 Inf moved to SULTZHEIM (Q5351). Remainder of Div continued to occupy and improve defensive positions.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: 255 Inf relieved 398 Inf in position. 398 Inf moved to positions vic ACHEN (Q5949). Enemy counterattack forming vic (Q6355) broken up by artillery and mortar fire. Remainder of Div maintained positions.
- (5) 36 Inf Div: 141 RCT relieved in position by 142 RCT. Remainder of Div conducted unit training during the day.
- (6) 12th Arm Div: Passed to control of VI Corps 1800A. CCB enroute to assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) at 2300A.

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- (7) 2nd Fr Armd Div: Maintained contact with 36th, 100th and 44th Inf Divs. No change in dispositions.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf and 180 Inf attacked at 0900A and succeeded in clearing the WILDENGUTH (Q7837) - MEISENTHAL (Q7140) road as far West as the enemy road block at (Q725398). 313 Inf (one Bn 314 Inf attached) attacked and cleared FICARDIE (Q8136) and occupied the high ground vic (Q787384) against stiff resistance. 275 Inf (one Bn 274 Inf attached) continued to organize and improve positions in the PHILLIPSBURG (Q8742) - DAMBACH (Q9244) area. 276 Inf continued to clear enemy still holding out in WINGEN (Q7336) at the same time the 2d Bn moved to assist the 313 Inf in clearing the LICHTENBERG (Q8135) area, taking up positions along the S edge of town. 3rd Bn 274 Inf established road blocks at (Q842352) and (Q886361). Remainder Div developed and maintained positions.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: Maintained active patrols in Left of Division zone. In the right of the Div zone operations continued to destroy the enemy bridgehead W of the RHINE River in the GAMBSHEIM (R1010) - DRUSENHEIM (R1518) area. SESSENHEIM (R1822) and STATTMATTEN (R1921) cleared by 79 Cav Rcn Tr. 314 Inf (less one Bn) cleared ROHRWILLER (R1217) and DRUSENHEIM (R1518). 2nd Bn 242 Inf and 2nd Bn 222 Inf reached the woods at (R105117) but an enemy counterattack forced their withdrawal to R087120. 232 Inf (less one Bn) cleared BEITENHOFFEN (R1009). The remainder of the Division maintained positions.
- (3) 3 DIA: 3 RTA completed relief of remaining elements of the 232 Inf and occupied positions at (R0310), (R0606) and (R0201).
- (4) 14th Armd Div: CCA attached to 79 Inf Div effective 061815A, commenced movement to assembly area North of SURBOURG (R0834).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP Changes: 45 Inf Div CP opened in INGWILLER (Q8130) at 1345A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Div: Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp: Very satisfactory. All others: excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps attacked to restore original MLR defensive positions. 12th Armd Div passed to control of VI Corps at 1800A. 45 Inf Div renewed its attack to the N to reduce the enemy salient in the BITCHE area. 79 Inf Div continued to reduce the enemy bridgehead in GAMBSHEIM area, clearing ROHRWILLER, DRUSENHEIM, SESSENHEIM, and STATTMATTEN. CCA 14th Armd Div atchd to 79 Inf Div commenced movement to assembly area N of HAGUENAU. Relief of TF LINDEN completed by elements of 3 DIA but command of sector had not yet changed at end of period.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 052359A:

Killed	6083
Captured	150
Missing	5475
Wounded	32423

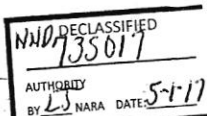
9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF 052359A: 74,125.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26 Inf Div: Improved positions. 35 Inf Div: Continued heavy fighting. 6 Armd Div: Continued to improve positions.
- (2) VIII Corps: 17 A/B Div: Continued attack. Elements reached outskirts FLAMIERGE (Q4761). Remainder of Corps: No change.
- (3) XII Corps: 4 and 5 Inf Divs: Continued aggressive patrolling. 80 Inf Div: Continued attack and cleared GOESDORF (P7348) and DAHL (P7350).

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 1 DMI: Received strong enemy attack in the NEUNKIRCH (V9268) - WITTENHEIM (V9068) area and withdrew to ROSSFELD (V9070).
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC: On afternoon of 7 January destroyed 7 motor transports and damaged 3 motor transports in GAMBESHEIM area. Bomb Safety Line: R137100, W bank of RHINE R335400, road NW to R297419, railway NW to R170468, R130468, road NW to R052559, road W and SW to R0151, exclude road W to Q9553, exclude road W to Q800506, Q800581, road NW Q752735, Q677468, road to Q645665, road to Q628658, road to Q5767, road to Q5466, road to Q512668, Q4870, Q436700, railway to Q437710, river to Q3275, Third Army Bomb Safety Line at Q3276.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and cloudy with snow; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

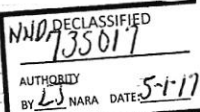
a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Improved positions and rotated troops to provide rest and rehabilitation. 121 Cav Ren Sq relieved 165 Engr Bn of mission of guarding prepared demolitions W of ST AVOLD (Q2556) - FORBACH (Q3965) road.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Continued work on construction and improvement of defensive positions.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: Continued to hold and improve defensive positions; conducted active patrolling.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: Continued its defensive mission. Division had no contact with the enemy except through patrols.
- (5) 36 Inf Div: Div (less 142 RCT) remained in reserve and continued limited training program. 142 RCT held defensive positions in LEMBERG (Q7445) sector and remained in contact with the enemy through patrols.

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b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf attacked against stubborn resistance and reached line Q7539, Q7440, Q7239 and Q7339. 180 Inf remained in position and cleared up parties of infiltrating enemy troops. The 157 Inf, 36 Engr C Regt and 275 Inf continued to improve defensive positions and maintained active patrols. 313 Inf with 1st Bn 314 Inf attacked N against strong resistance and gained positions at Q7938 and Q8037. TF HERREN cleared enemy from WINGEN (Q7335) and an enemy pocket E of LICHTENBERG (Q8135) as far as the ROTHBACK - REIFERTSWILLER road.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: CCA 14 Armd Div, attached to Division, closed vic SOULTZ (R1037) at 070530A January. 3rd Bn 313 Inf repulsed several enemy attacks supported by tanks. Outposts were forced out of STUNDWILLER (R1836) and ASHBACH (R1817). The 222 Inf repulsed attempted enemy infiltrations in the vicinity of DROCHENBRONN (R0943). 2nd Bn 315 Inf moved to KUHLENDORF (R1335) to support the 3d Bn 313 Inf. The 314 Inf attacked to the S from DRUSENHEIM (R1618) but was forced back into town by heavy enemy counterattacks supported by tanks.
- (3) 3 DIA: Attack by elements of the Division on GAMBSHEIM (R1110) and BITTENHOFFEN (R1009) failed due to heavy enemy resistance. Command of STRASBOURG sector passed to First French Army at 071915A.
- (4) 12 Armd Div: CCB closed into its assembly area vicinity HOCHFELDEN (Q8817). It was attached to 79 Inf Div at 1200A and moved to the general area BISCHWILLER (R0918), GRIES (R0517), WEYERSHEIM (R1513). Remainder of the division commenced move to VI Corps area.

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP Changes: 12 Armd Div CP opened vicinity HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) at 071600A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs: Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp: Very Satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. VI Corps: 3 DIA completed relief of TF LINDEN and assumed command of sector under control of First French Army. In the 79th Inf Div sector numerous enemy attacks were repulsed. Operations against the GAMBSHEIM salient continued with little progress being made. The 45th Inf Div cleared the WINGEN pocket and the road to LICHTENBERG, continued its attack to the N and made some gains against stubborn resistance. CCB and CCR of the 12 Armd Div closed in the HOCHFELDEN area.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 062359A:

Killed	6118
Captured	150
Missing	5525
Wounded	32721

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 062359A: 74,484.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army

- (1) III Corps: 26 Inf Div: Continued aggressive patrolling. 35 Inf Div: Continued regrouping. 6 Armd Div: Repulsed enemy attacks.
- (2) VIII Corps: 87 Inf Div: Continued to protect left flank of Corps and continued fighting in TILLET (P4259). 17 A/B Div: Continued heavy fighting, captured FLAMIERGE (P4761). 101 A/B Div: Continued to hold BASTOGNE. 11 and 4 Armd Divs: Remained in positions. 28 Inf Div: Continued to hold MEUSE River sector.
- (3) XII Corps: 4 and 5 Inf Divs continued patrolling. 80 Inf Div: Repulsed counterattack in zone of 319 Inf.
- (4) XX Corps: Continued patrolling.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 1 DMI: Enemy attacks in the ROSSFELD (V9071), HERBSHEIM (V9272), SAND (V9177) area throughout the day were repulsed. Remainder of Corps no change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC morning of 8 January destroyed 5 motor transports, 3 buildings 5 tanks, 1 stores dump, 4 horse drawn carts, killed 10 horses, damaged 35 motor transports, 2 buildings, 18 horse drawn carts, 5 armd fighting vehicles in the BITCHE - WISSEMBOURG area. Destroyed 3 motor transports and damaged 4 motor transports in the COLMAR area. In the afternoon destroyed 3 buildings and damaged 4 more in OVERSEEBACH (R1841).

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, snow; vis ibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

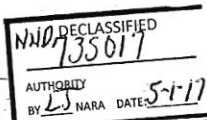
a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued to improve positions along entire front. Made no enemy contact during the period.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Work on new MLR positions continued. Active night patrolling was maintained.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: 114 Inf laid hasty minefields and continued to defend along present front lines. 324 Inf: Improved RA line positions during period. 253 Inf continued normal outpost duties. 71 Inf continued program of rehabilitation and occupation of MAGINOT Line defenses.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: 399 Inf attacked at 0745A and secured the high ground in the vicinity of SIGNALBERG (Q7448) and SPITZBERG (Q7548) against

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stiff enemy resistance. 397 Inf received an enemy attack at 0330A supported by tanks in vic RIMLING (Q6555). At the close of the period the enemy held W portion of the town. 398 and 255 Infs continued to adjust and improve defensive positions.

- (5) 36 Inf Div: 142 RCT attacked at 0800A making good progress against moderate resistance and reached its objective vic Q7446. Remainder of Div continued limited training program vic MONTEBRONN (Q6844).
- (6) 2nd French Armd Div (DB): Continued mission of maintaining reconnaissance screen E and W of the SARRE River, S of the MAGINOT Line.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf resumed attack at 0800A and met increasing enemy resistance in advancing to Q7440, Q7441 and Q7339. 180 Inf repelled enemy attack and counterattacked to advance to Q7838 - Q7938 - Q7738. 157 Inf, 275 Inf and 36 Engr C Regt sectors remained quiet; contact with the enemy was maintained by active patrols. 313 Inf occupied blocking positions along line Q8137 - Q8236. 2nd Bn 274 Inf closed in assembly area vic OBERBRONN (Q9038). 1st and 3rd Bns 276 Inf closed vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631). 2nd Bn 276 Inf relieved 2nd Bn 274 Inf in position.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 222 Inf maintained its positions along the MAGINOT Line. 3rd Bn 313 Inf repulsed repeated enemy tank and Inf attacks from the vic ASCHBACH (R1837) and STUNDWILLER (R1836) without loss of ground. 242 Inf sector remained quiet during the period. 1st Bn 232 Inf improved positions in zone while the 2nd Bn 232 Inf occupied positions across the WEYERSHEIM (R0413) - GAMBESHEIM (R1110) road blocking to the E. 3rd Bn 232 Inf moved to vic CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R0821). 314 Inf counterattacked S from DRUSENHEIM (R1518) and ROHRWILLER (R1217) but made little progress against stiff enemy resistance. CCB 12 Armd Div counterattacked S from ROHRWILLER (R1217) and reached a line (R1115) - (R1216) - (R1316) where it was held up by blown bridges.
- (3) 14 Armd Div (less CCA): Remained in Corps Reserve vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125). 94 Cav Rcn Sq maintained screen from WEITERSWILLER (Q7628) to ZINSWILLER (Q8935).
- (4) 12 Armd Div (less CCB): Remained in Corps Reserve. 92 Cav Rcn Sq established a screen on Corps R flank from WEYERSHEIM (R0513) to WISSELORE (Q8004).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP changes: TF LINDEN: CP opened vic HAGUENAU (R0324) 8 January 1945.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XV Corps: 36 and 44 Inf Divisions satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp - Very satisfactory. Remainder of Army - Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. Limited objective attack by elements of 36 and 100 Inf Divs successful, high ground vicinity SIGNALBERG (Q7448) - SPITZBERG (Q7548) and HOCKFIRST (Q7445) secured. In the VI Corps the 45 Inf Div continued its attack to the North making local gains against stiff enemy resistance. The 79 Inf Div repulsed enemy tank and Infantry attacks on MAGINOT positions vicinity ASCHBACH. CCB 12 Armd Div counterattacked south from ROHRWILLER but was held up by blown bridges and made little progress.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 072359A:

Killed	6200
Captured	150
Missing	5585
Wounded	32974

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF 072359A:

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 90 Inf Div closed in Corps area 072200A. 26, 35, & 90 Inf Divs and 6 Armd Div launched attack at 1000A.
- (2) VIII Corps: 87 Inf Div made slight gains in zone. 17 A/B Div consolidated positions and regrouped. 101 A/B Div (CCB 4 Armd Div and CCB 10 Armd Div attached) attacked towards NOVILLE (F5864) at 1100A.
- (3) XII Corps: 4 and 5 Inf Divs: Maintained present positions. 80 Inf Div consolidated and organized positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 90 Inf Div relieved of attachment 6 January 1945, commenced move to III Corps sector. 94 Inf Div completed relief of 90 Inf Div and assumed command of sector 070900A. 95 Inf Div: Continued to maintain positions. 10 Armd Div (less CCB): Remained in METZ area.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 3 DIA: No change. 1 DMI: Counterattacks cleared ROSSFIELD (V9172) and HERBSHEIM (V9272). 3 US Div: Maintained positions.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

- c. Air: XII TAC: Flew no missions during the morning due to unfavorable weather. In the afternoon 5 ME 109's, 52 railroad cars, 13 buildings, and 1 gun were destroyed. 5 marshalling yards, 23 railroad cars, and 3 guns were damaged. 1 rail cut was made in the NEUSTADT - RASTATT - ACHERN area. Bomb Safety Line: No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally overcast and cold with light snow; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

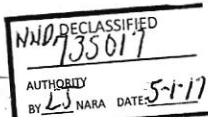
a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued organization and improvement of defensive positions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Continued organization and improvement of positions while maintaining patrol activities.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: Improved defensive positions and adjusted lines while conducting patrols throughout sector.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: 399 Inf repulsed enemy attempts to infiltrate throughout the day. 398 Inf remained in defensive positions from ACHEN (Q5949) to SINGLING (Q6249). 397 Inf continued fighting in RIMLING (Q6555) and vic Hill 370 (Q6454) during the period.

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- (5) 36 Inf Div: 143 RCT completed relief of 142 RCT by 2200A. 142 RCT returned to Division reserve area.
- (6) 2nd French Armd Div: Continued its mission of reconnaissance E and W of the SARRE River S of the MAGINOT Line.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf cleared the SARREINSBURG (Q7441) - WINGEN (Q7335) road of enemy. 180 Inf continued its attack to the N making only slight gains against stubborn enemy resistance. 313 Inf (1st Bn 314 Inf attached) attacked and seized high ground vic Q8138 and Q8237. 276 Inf attacked to the NW, against light resistance and reached the line (Q8437) - (Q8338) - (Q8536) clearing the town of OBERMUEHLTHAL (Q8439). The sectors of TF HERREN, 157 Inf and 36 Engr C Regt were quiet during the period.
- (2) 79th Inf Div: 3rd Bn 313 Inf repulsed enemy attack vic STUNDWILLER (R1836) without loss of ground. 242 Inf received enemy attack vic HATTEN (R1733) and at end of period fighting continued in that town. 315 Inf (less one bn) moved to RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and LEITERSWILLER (R1536) where it remained in reserve. CCA 14 Armd Div remained in reserve vic SURBOURG (R0834). 314 Inf (less one bn) continued fighting in vic DRUSENHEIM (R1518). CCB 12 Armd Div pushed to HERRLISHEIM (R1214) where it cleared N part of town after stiff fight. 232 Inf maintained positions.
- (3) 12 Armd Div (less CCB): Remained in HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) - HAGUENAU (R0324) area in Corps reserve. 92 Cav Ren Sq maintained a screen on Corps right flank.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: 94 Cav Ren Sq continued to screen area from WEITERSWILLER (Q7625) to ZINSWILLER (Q8935). Remainder of the Div (less CCA and 19 Armd Inf Bn) remained in Corps reserve vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125).

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP changes: None.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XV Corps: 36 and 44 Inf Divs and 106 Cav Gp Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div Very Satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps continued to defend in its sector. Enemy attack between 44 and 100 Inf Divs and vicinity of RIMLING were held with only slight loss of ground. In the VI Corps, 45 Inf Div made small gains meeting strong resistance from the enemy. 79 Inf Div broke up several attacks against its MAGINOT Line positions. A penetration in the vicinity of HATTEN was being restored at the end of the day. On the RHINE, elements attacking the GAMBESHEIM bridgehead reached HERRLISHEIM, and cleared the N part of the town.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 082359A:

Killed	6264
Captured	153
Missing	5837
Wounded	33327

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR AS OF 082359A: 75,352.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26 Inf Div: Continued attack making good progress. 35 Inf Div: Continued heavy fighting. 90 Inf Div: Continued advance and captured BERLE (R6551) and TRENTTELHOF (P6552). 6 Armd Div: Assisted 35 Inf Div by fire support.
- (2) VIII Corps: 87 Inf Div continued attack. 17 A/B Div consolidated positions. 101 A/B Div: Continued attack and captured RECOGNE (P5763). 11 Armd Div: Remained ready to assist the 87 Inf Div or 17 A/B Div. 4 Armd Div: Attacked with CCA and CCB at 0900A and 0930A respectively. 28 Inf Div: Held MEUSE River sector.
- (3) XII Corps: 4th, 5th, and 80th Inf Divs improved positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 94 and 95 Inf Divs: Continued to improve positions. 10 Armd Div (less CCB) continued rehabilitation and training.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 3 DIA: Maintained positions. 1 DMI: Troops in OBENHEIM (V9773) supplied by planes. 3 US Inf Div: Maintained patrol activity.
- (2) I Corps: Maintained positions and conducted patrols.

- c. Air: In the morning XII TAC flew no missions due to weather. In the afternoon destroyed 2 ME 109's, 2 tanks, 16 motor transports, 3 dumps, 39 buildings, 10 box cars, 4 horse drawn vehicles; damaged 8 motor transports, 12 tanks, 2 dumps, 14 buildings, 3 guns, 2 marshalling yards, 1 barracks, 43 rail cars, 1 rail bridge; caused 3 road blocks and 3 rail cuts in the PIRMASENS - LANDAU - KARLSRUHE area. Destroyed 2 motor transports, 16 buildings, 1 rail bridge; damaged 5 motor transports, 85 rail cars, 3 locomotives and 8 buildings in the COLMAR area. Performed successful supply drop at OBENHEIM (V9673). Bomb Safety Line: No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold with thick ground haze, clearing after 1300A; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

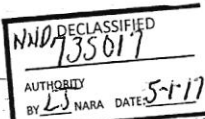
a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued organization and improvement of defensive positions while conducting active patrolling.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 411 Inf attacked and secured commanding terrain on a general line running S of MARIENAU (Q3665), OETING (Q4063), and BEHREN (Q4263). 410 Inf remained in defensive positions and supported attack by fire. 409 Inf remained in assembly area during period.

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- (3) 44 Inf Div: 114 Inf attacked and secured line along railroad in its sector. 324 Inf remained in defensive positions. 71 Inf renewed work on defensive positions in MAGINOT Line in sector.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: Continued defensive mission and improvement of positions in sector. 397 Inf completed withdrawal to new defensive positions, S and SW of RIMLING (Q6555). 399 Inf attacked and secured Hill 427 vic (Q7448).
- (5) 36 Inf Div: Continued to hold defensive positions on present front line while continuing preparation of switch position vic RATZWILLER (Q6339) - VOLKSBERG (Q6738).
- (6) 2nd French Armd Div: No change.
- b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf continued attack and by the end of the period was fighting in ALTHORN (Q7541). 180 Inf continued to attack against strong resistance making little progress. 313 Inf (one Bn 314 Inf attached) attacked and secured positions on high ground vic (Q7938) and (Q8138) against stiff enemy resistance. 276 Inf attacked against moderate resistance and reached the line (Q8338), (Q8438), (Q8337) at which point opposition increased. TF HERREN continued active patrolling and improvement of defensive positions.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 242 and 315 Inf continued to clear the town of HATTEN (R1733) against very stiff resistance. 314 Inf continued to meet strong resistance in DRUSENHEIM (R1518). Elements CCB 12 Armd Div occupied two-thirds of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) against determined resistance. The remainder of the division maintained positions.
- (3) 12 Armd Div: (less CCB) remained in Corps reserve in the HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) - HAGUENAU (R0324) area. 92 Cav Rcn Sq maintained a screen on the Corps' right flank.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: (less CCA) remained in Corps reserve vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125). 94 Cav Rcn Sq continued to screen along WEITERSWILLER (Q7625) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) road.

c. Boundary between XV Corps and VI Corps changed in accordance with Seventh Army directive, dated 8 January, effective 100001A (overlay).

d. XXI Corps: No change.

e. CP Changes: None.

f. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs and 106 Cav Gp: Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div: Very satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.

g. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps made limited objective attacks in the 100th, 44th, and 103rd Inf Div sectors gaining advantageous terrain. Remainder of Corps continued improvement of defensive positions. In the VI Corps, the 45th Inf Div made local gains in the Left of its sector. The 79th Inf Div continued its effort to restore the MAGINOT Line positions in the HATTEN area and to reduce the enemy bridgehead in the GAMBSHEIM area.

h. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 092359A:

Killed	6388
Captured	161
Missing	6059
Wounded	33620

i. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 092359A: 75,774.

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TO : 1124004 Jan 1945
Hq Seventh Army
LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
14 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26 Div: Continued attack. 35 Inf Div: Continued attack and elements entered LUTREMANGE (Q5850). 90 Inf Div: Continued advance and reached high ground S of DONCOLS (P6454). 6 Armd Div: Continued to assist attack of 35 Inf Div. 6 Cav Gp: Advanced and captured BETLANGE (P5748), HARLANGE (P6049) and WETLANGE (P6051); entered LUTREMANGE (P5850) and moved on TARCHAMPS (P6051).
- (2) VIII Corps: 87 Inf Div: Captured TILLET (P4259) and BONNERVE (P3859). 17 A/B Div: Continued aggressive patrolling. 101 A/B Div: Consolidated recent gains. 4 Armd Div: Elements advanced to (P5961). Remainder of Corps maintained positions.
- (3) XII Corps: 2 Cav Gp: Attacked and took MACETUM (L0618) while remainder of Corps improved positions.
- (4) XX Corps: Continued to improve positions, rehabilitation and training.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 1 DMI: Garrison at OBENHEIM (V9773) overrun by enemy. Enemy pressure on BENFIELD (V8974), ROSSFIELD (V9171) and HERBSHEIM (V9272) continued. 3 DIA: Maintained positions.
- (2) I Corps: Violent enemy attack at (V4539) was repulsed.

- c. Air: XII TAC flew no missions 11 January due to weather. Bomb Safety Line effective 1106004: R137100, W bank RHINE to R335400, road NW to R297419, railway NW to R170468, R130468, road NW to R052559, road W and SW to R0151, exclude road W to Q9553, road W to Q867507, road W to Q781506, road N to Q769572, road W and N to Q728596, Q693597, road W to Q615610, road NW to Q596635, road to Q558649, road to Q486688, Q474690, road to Q433692, railway N to Q437703, railway W to Q314753 to Third Army Bomb Safety Line at Q3276.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and generally overcast; visibility fair to good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued occupation of defensive positions maintaining contact with 95 Inf Div on L and 103 Inf Div on R.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 411 Inf continued attacks on Hill 387 (Q4063) and Hill vicinity (Q3964) against stiff enemy resistance. 410 Inf conducted active night patrolling. 409 Inf remained in assembly area.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: 114 Inf conducted active patrolling and improvement of positions. 324 Inf attacked and captured Hill 325 (Q5956) against enem

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resistance. 253 Inf maintained positions and conducted active daylight patrols. 71 Inf continued to organize and improve positions along the MAGINOT Line.

- (4) 100 Inf Div: 399, 398, 397 and 255 Infs continued improvement and adjustment of lines in division sector.
- (5) 36 Inf Div: 143 RCT continued occupation and improvement of defensive line in LIMBERG (Q7445) sector. 141 RCT continued organization of MLR "switch position" from VOLKSBERG (Q6838) to LORENTZEN (Q5939). 142 RCT conducted training in DERRSTEL (Q6032) area.
- (6) 2nd French Armd Div: Continued surveillance of Western exits of VOSGES Mts and maintained counter-reconnaissance screen.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf attacked NE, cleared ALTHORN (Q7440) and mopped up scattered enemy on high ground S of town. 180 Inf received heavy enemy counterattack and was forced to withdraw to line (Q7738) and (Q7937). One Bn 314 Inf received a strong counterattack and was forced to withdraw to (Q7937). 276 Inf continued its attack NW and made little gain against stiff enemy resistance. One Bn 157 Inf attacked through the 180 Inf sector and reached vic (Q7938) against stiff enemy resistance. The sectors of TF HERREN, remainder of 157 Inf and 36 Engr C Regt remained quiet with little change in positions.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 315 Inf in close contact with the enemy in the RITTER-SHOFFEN (R1533) - HATTEN (R1733) area. CCA 14 Armd Div attacked RITTERSHOFFEN but made little progress. CCB 12 Armd Div withdrew from HERRLISHEIM (R1214) as planned, early in the period and established defensive line from (R1217) to (R0915). The remainder of the Div maintained positions.
- (3) 12 Armd Div: Maintained defensive positions.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: (less CCA) moved to forward assembly area vic MORSEBRONN.
- (5) 540 Engr C Regt: Occupied defensive positions on high ground N of WINGEN (Q7335) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) road.

c. XXI Corps: Fwd echelon, Corps CP, moved to MORHANGE (Q1936).

d. CP changes: XXI Corps opened MORHANGE (Q1936) at 1300A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 Inf Div, 44 Inf Div and 106 Cav Gp: Satisfactory; 100 Inf Div: Very Satisfactory; remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps conducted successful raids and limited objective attacks along 44 Inf and 103 Inf Div fronts. Continued improvement of defensive positions on MLR and MAGINOT Line. In the L of the VI Corps sector local gains were made and ALTHORN was cleared. A strong enemy attack forced small withdrawals in the WILDENGUTH area. Heavy fighting continued in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area with inf and tanks in close contact. After heavy fighting in HERRLISHEIM on 10 January CCB 12 Armd Div withdrew to defensive positions SE of BISCHWILLER.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 102359A:

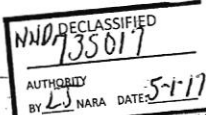
Killed	6414
Captured	180
Missing	6136
Wounded	34069

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 102359A: 76,128.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
14 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: Continued attack throughout Corps sector. The towns of LUTREMANGE (P5851), DONCOLS (P6454) and TARCHAMPS (P6051) were captured. The town of SONLEZ (P6353) was entered by elements of the 26th Inf Div, 90th Inf Div and 6th Cav Gp.
- (2) VIII Corps: 87th Inf Div: Captured VESQUEVILLE (P3259) and ST HUBERT (P3061) and consolidated positions. Remainder of Corps continued to maintain positions and conduct aggressive patrols.
- (3) XII Corps: Consolidated and improved positions throughout Corps sector.
- (4) XX Corps: Maintained positions.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 1 DMI: The garrisons of ROSSFIELD (V9171) and HERBSHEIM (V9272) withdrew to HUTTENHEIM (V8872) under enemy pressure. An enemy attack launched towards bridge at OSTHOUSE (V9578) was stopped by Inf and Arty. Remainder of Corps maintained positions.
- (2) I Corps: Repulsed heavy enemy attack vicinity (V4539). Remainder of Corps no change.

c. Air: XII TAC did not fly any missions during morning due to bad weather but in the afternoon destroyed 1 building and damaged one supply dump in the WISSEMBOURG area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and overcast. Visibility poor.

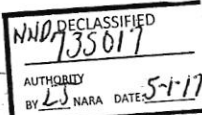
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued patrol activities and improvement of positions throughout sector.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Continued organization and adjustment of present defensive positions.
- (3) 44 Inf Div: Continued organization of defensive positions while engaged in active patrolling.
- (4) 100 Inf Div: Conducted local reliefs within sector.
- (5) 36 Inf Div: 143 RCT continued occupation of defensive position while remainder of division occupied assembly area.
- (6) 2 French Armored Division: Continued its mission of reconnaissance

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with nothing to report.

b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf continued its attack NE gaining ground against stiff resistance to positions vicinity Q7540, Q7438 and Q7638. 180 Inf attacked and seized high ground vicinity Q7838. One Bn 157 Inf pushed forward against heavy resistance vicinity Q7938 where it was relieved by a Bn of the 314 Inf. The 276 Inf moved forward against stiff resistance to line from vicinity Q8238 generally NE to Q8339. The 275 Inf continued to attack, gained objective on high ground vicinity Q8339 and Q8340 against heavy resistance. In 157 Inf and 36 Engr C Regt sectors vigorous combat patrols into enemy positions were conducted.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: The 315 Inf, CCA and CCB, 14 Armd Div, were heavily engaged in HATTEN (R1733) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). The remainder of the Div zone was generally quiet.
- (3) 14 Armd Div: CCA reverted to control of parent unit and attacked RITTERSHOFFEN where it was heavily engaged at the end of the period. CCB attempted to enter HATTEN but was forced back to positions along LEITERSWILLER (R1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN road.
- (4) 12 Armd Div: Maintained ren screen along Corps S boundary.

c. XXI Corps: No change.

d. CP Changes: None.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 Inf Div, 44 Inf Div and 106 Cav Gp - Satisfactory; 100 Inf Div - Very Satisfactory; Remainder of Army - Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps continued to improve defensive positions on MLR and MAGINOT Line. Patrol activities along entire front maintained contact with the enemy. In the VI Corps local gains were made despite stiff resistance in 45 Inf Div sector. Heavy fighting continued in the HATTEN area, with CCA and CCB of the 14 Armd Div engaged in an attack to restore the MAGINOT Line positions in that sector.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 112359A:

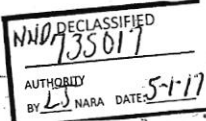
Killed	6465
Captured	182
Missing	6265
Wounded	34360

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 112359A: 76409.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: Continued attack to the N. 35th Inf Div closed enemy pocket by establishing contact with 90th Inf Div vic BRAS (F6255).
- (2) VIII Corps: Resumed attack making good progress.
- (3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 94th and 95th Inf Divs maintained positions and patrolled in zone. 10th Armd Div (less CCB) conducted rehabilitation and training in the METZ area.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Numerous enemy raids along entire front repulsed. Enemy Inf supported by arty attempted crossing of L'ILL River vic V9276. Elements 1 DMI captured sugar factory S of KRAFFT (V9678).
- (2) I Corps: Repulsed small enemy attack vic HOHNECK (V4638). Remainder no change.

c. Air: XII TAC morning of 13 January destroyed 5 rail cars, 1 locomotive; damaged 2 locomotives, 7 motor transports, 8 armored fighting vehicles, caused 5 rail cuts, sealed both ends 1 tunnel, 1 end of another and killed 4 horses in the BITCHE - FIRMASENS - LANDAU - KAISERLAUTERN area. Afternoon of 13 January destroyed 1 motor transport, 3 railroad cars, 15 buildings, 1 horse drawn vehicle, 1 supply dump, caused 11 rail cuts and 1 road block; damaged 1 ME-262, 3 motor transports, 24 railroad cars, 4 buildings, 1 horse drawn vehicle, 1 tunnel, 1 fuel dump and 1 barge in the ZWEIBRUCKEN - FRANKENSTEIN - NEUSTADT - LAUTERBOURG area. A supply drop in HATTEN was generally successful. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with ground haze that cleared by mid morning. visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps: Became operational at 1200A assuming command of the 106 Cav Gp and 103rd Inf Div per Seventh Army Directive, dated 8 January 1945.

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Maintained positions and continued patrol activities.
- (2) 103rd Inf Div: Consolidated and improved defensive positions.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44th Inf Div: Continued organization of defensive positions with some changes in positions by unopposed gains to more suitable ground. Active patrolling continued.

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- (2) 100th Inf Div: Continued defensive mission. Adjusted and improved positions. Local relief of front line units.
- (3) 36th Inf Div: 141 RCT relieved 143rd RCT in positions. 143rd RCT moved to via MONTERONN (Q6844).
- (4) 2 DB: Continued reconnaissance mission. Units conducted training and rehabilitation program.

c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf resumed the attack NE at 0900A against stiff enemy resistance reaching line Q7640, Q7639, Q7638. 180th Inf resumed the attack at 0800A. 1st Bn advanced to Q786385 against considerable S/A and MG fire. Remainder of Regt encountered stiff enemy resistance and made no advance. Remainder of Div regrouped forces with reliefs of front line Bns.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 315th Inf (less one Bn) and 14th Armd Div continued counter attack in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) HATTEN (R1733) area against stubborn resistance. The remainder of the Div zone remained quiet during period.
- (3) 14th Armd Div: CCA continued its attack on RITTERSHOFFEN. Elements cut the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN road. CCB attempted to outflank HATTEN from the NE but after three attempts was forced to withdraw due to intense arty and AT fire. CCR attacked S of RITTERSHOFFEN at 0800A and reached the W edge of HATTEN against stiff resistance.
- (4) 12th Armd Div: CCB maintained defensive positions from R097154 to R120170. 92nd Cav Rcn Sq maintained rcn screen along Corps S boundary. Remainder Div remained in Corps reserve.

d. CP's: No change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36th and 44th Inf Divs and 106th Cav Gp - Satisfactory; 100th Inf Div - Very Satisfactory; remainder of Army - Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI Corps became operational at 1200A assuming command of the 106th Cav Gp and the 103rd Inf Div in positions. XV Corps maintained and improved defensive positions. VI Corps made local advances in the 45th Inf Div sector against stubborn enemy resistance. 14th Armd Div continued counterattack to restore MAGINOT positions against very stiff enemy resistance.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 112359A:

Killed	6588
Captured	203
Missing	7499
Wounded	34955

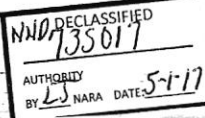
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16 January 1945

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26th Inf Div continued mission of destroying enemy in zone. 35th Inf Div maintained positions. 90th Inf Div regrouped forces and continued attack. 6th Armd Div continued attack.
- (2) VIII Corps: 87th Inf Div consolidated positions. 17th A/B Div continued attack and captured HERTOGNE (F5267). 11 Armd Div continued attack. 101st A/B Div continued advance in zone. 28 Inf Div no change.
- (3) XII Corps: No change.
- (4) XX Corps: 94th Inf Div: Elements 376 Inf launched limited objective attack and occupied TETTINGEN (L0402) and BUTZDORF (L0403). 95th Inf Div: Elements in bridgehead at SAARLAUTERN launched limited objective attack with no report of progress.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Enemy holds small bridgehead over the L'ILL River at EHL (R9175). Remainder of Corps no change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC morning of 14 January destroyed 1 motor transport, 14 railroad cars, 9 buildings; damaged 6 motor transports, 2 railroad cars, 4 tanks, 1 tunnel and caused 19 rail cuts in the ZWEIBRUCKEN - KAISERLAUTERN - LANDAU - FIRMASENS area. Destroyed 2 locomotives and damaged 2 locomotives in the OFFENBURG - FRIESTADT area. Afternoon of 14 January destroyed 11 enemy aircraft, 4 motor transports, 2 locomotives, 22 buildings, 1 repair train; damaged 4 enemy aircraft, 32 motor transports, 9 locomotives, 14 railcars, 8 buildings, 2 supply dumps, 3 rail bridges, 1 ponton bridge, 1 horse drawn vehicle and caused 27 rail cuts and 6 road blocks in the ZWEIBRUCKEN - KAISERLAUTERN - LANDAU - FIRMASENS area. Bomb Safety Line effective 141100A R137100, west bank RHINE R335400, road NW R297419, railway NW R170468, R130468, road NW R052559, road west and SW R0151, exclude road west Q9553, exclude road west Q867507, Q8247, exclude road NW Q815475, exclude road NW Q771501, exclude road north Q769572, road west and north Q728596, Q693597, 1 road west Q615610, road NW Q596635, road Q558649, road Q486688-Q474690, road Q433692, railway north Q437703, railway west Q314753 to Third Army Bomb Safety Line at Q3276.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and cloudy in morning. Clear in afternoon, visibility from fair to good.

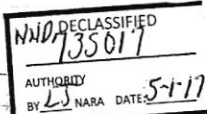
OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued improvement of all defensive positions and conduc-

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ted active patrolling.

- (2) 103rd Inf Div: Continued improvement of all defensive positions and conducted active patrolling. Elements of 103 Inf Div began movement to VI Corps sector, 409 RCT moving to vic REICHSHOFFEN (Q9537) attached to VI Corps on arrival.
- (3) 142 RCT of 36 Inf Div closed assembly areas vic Q3261, Q3452, Q3848 and attached to XXI Corps.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Maintained defensive positions. All units continued to improve positions.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: Maintained defensive positions along its present front lines with all units adjusting and improving positions.
- (3) 36 Inf Div: 141 RCT continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. 142 RCT moved to XXI Corps sector and was attached to Corps on arrival. 143 RCT initiated ren in preparation for reorganization and improvement of switch positions: VOLKSBERG (Q6838) - LORENTZEN (Q5939).
- (4) 2 DB: No change.

c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: Continued its attack in L of zone while maintaining positions and carrying out reliefs on the R. 179 Inf attacked at 0830A against stiff resistance and many anti-personnel mines, making slight advances to Q765400, Q761408, Q760403. The attack of the 180 Inf made little progress against determined opposition. Two counterattacks and enemy infiltrations were repulsed during the period. Remainder Div continued regrouping of forces. 409 Inf closed assembly area vic LAMBERTSLOCH (R0640) attached to VI Corps on arrival.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: 313 Inf (less one Bn) closed vic HERMERSWILLER (R1237) and reverted to Div control at 1330A. 232 Inf (less one Bn) extended its positions to include the towns of ROESCHWOOG (R2225) and KAUFFENHEIM (R2128). Remainder Div no change.
- (3) 14 Armd Div: CCA with 3d Bn 315 Inf resumed attack at 0900A in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and made small advances against heavy resistance, repelling a counterattack of tanks and inf. CCB held positions and supported CCA and CCR by fire. CCR made contact with 2nd Bn 315 Inf in HATTEN (R1733). Attack on town was renewed at 0800A with some advance against stiff resistance. A strong counterattack forced a withdrawal to the southern part of town where fighting continued.
- (4) 117 Cav Ren Sq: Maintained road security patrols in Corps rear areas.

d. CP Changes: Advance CP 103 Inf Div opened in REICHSHOFFEN (Q9537).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs and 106 Cav Gp: Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div: Very Satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI and XV Corps units continued to improve defensive positions. VI Corps: 45 Inf Div continued its attack in L of its zone, making slight gains against heavy opposition and regrouped its forces on the R. 103 Inf Div commenced relief of TF HERREN. 79 Inf Div maintained and improved its positions. 14 Armd Div renewed its attack in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN making some progress but a counterattack in HATTEN caused a withdrawal to the southern part of town.

TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 132359A :

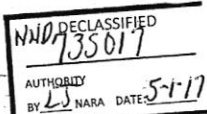
Killed	6622	Missing	7621
Captured	203	Wounded	35282

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: Continued advance N and NE against strong resistance.
- (2) VIII Corps: 101 A/B Div and 11 Armd Div continued attack making small gains. Remainder Corps holding present positions.
- (3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div launched limited objective attack and captured NEUNIG (LO204). 95 Inf Div maintained positions. 10 Armd Div (less CCB) continued rehabilitation and training.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC: Morning 15 January flew no missions due to weather. Afternoon 15 January destroyed 1 tank, 4 armored fighting vehicles, 1 locomotive, 11 motor transports, 34 railroad cars, 2 horse drawn vehicles, 11 buildings; damaged 2 tanks, 3 motor transports, 56 railroad cars, 2 dumps, 2 tunnels, 1 horse-drawn vehicle, 1 power plant, caused 8 rail cuts and 4 road blocks in the HOMBURG - FIRMASENS - NEUSTADT area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with overcast; visibility fair to poor.

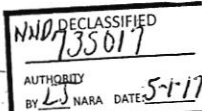
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Maintained and improved all defensive positions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 275 Inf of TF HERREN relieved the 410 Inf in positions by 2350A. 410 Inf began movement to VI Corps zone. Remainder Div: No change.
- (3) 142 RCT: No change.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Maintained and improved defensive positions.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: Improved defensive positions and sent out combat and rec patrols.
- (3) 36 Inf Div: Repulsed enemy combat patrols and improved positions.
- (4) 2 DB: No change.

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c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf continued active patrolling with no change in positions. 180 Inf regrouped its units with elements relieving 1 Bn 314 Inf which began movement to parent unit. 1 Bn 315 Inf pushed N against S/A, mortar and arty fire to vic Q809389. Elements 157 Inf advanced against considerable S/A and arty fire to line Q813394-Q819393, holding ground gained against a counterattack. Remainder Regt extended lines making firm contact with 36 Engr C Regt on their right. 36 Engrs cleared enemy from high ground vic Q843398 and advanced to Q838401. Elements 274 Inf attacked N and seized high ground at Q878434 consolidating position. Remainder Regt maintained positions. 276 Inf maintained defensive positions and prepared for relief by elements 103 Inf Div. In right of zone the 409 Inf relieved the 275 Inf which moved to XXI Corps sector and closed new area at 1840A.
- (2) 79 Inf Div: Maintained positions. CCB 12 Armd Div remained in position and maintained probing patrols in DRUSENHEIM (R1618) - HERRLISHEIM (R1214) area.
- (3) 103 Inf Div: 410 Inf began movement from XXI Corps zone, attached VI Corps on arrival.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: CCA with 3 Bn 315 Inf continued its attack on RITTER-SHOFFEN (R1533) against steady determined resistance. CCB supported the attacks of CCA and CCR by fire. CCR with 2 Bn 315 Inf repulsed three enemy attacks in HATTEN (R1733) after bitter fighting and counter-attacked and drove enemy from S and W portions of town and consolidated positions.
- (5) 12 Armd Div: Made preparations for an attack 16 January to clear enemy pocket W of RHINE. 92 Cav Rcn Sq withdrew screen fr Corps S flank.
- (6) 117 Cav Rcn Sq: No change.

d. CF's: No change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs and 106 Cav Sq - Satisfactory; 100 Inf Div - Very Satisfactory; Remainder of Army - Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI and XV Corps continued to improve defensive positions. VI Corps: 45 Inf Div in left of zone continued attacks to reduce BITCHE salient. Remainder of Div continued regrouping forces. 14 Armd Div with 315 Inf (less 1 Bn) continued counterattack, to restore MAGINOT positions in HATTEN area against bitter resistance. Several enemy attacks were repulsed. 12 Armd Div made preparations for an attack to reduce enemy pocket W of RHINE River on 16 January.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 142359A:

Killed	6669
Captured	203
Missing	7772
Wounded	35698

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 142359A: 77201

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FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: Continued attack N and NE making advances up to 2 kilometers.
- (2) VIII Corps: 17 A/B Div maintained positions. 101 A/B Div continued attack capturing NOVILLE (P5864) and VAUX (P5866). 11 Armd Div continued advance capturing COMFOGNE (P5567), RASTADT (P5567) and made contact with element 2 Armd Div at HOUFFALIZE.
- (3) XII Corps: No change.
- (4) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div held TETTINGEN and BUTZDORF against strong pressure. Remainder Corps no change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Elements 3 DIA attacked enemy bridgehead vic GAMBSEHEIM (R1110), reached R097096. Remainder Corps no change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

- c. Air: XII TAC: Morning 16 January destroyed 45 boxcars, 4 locomotives, 20 buildings, 5 motor transports; damaged 19 boxcars, 1 locomotive, 3 motor transports, 3 marshalling yards, 5 buildings, 1 bridge, and caused 3 rail cuts in the HOMBURG - BAD KREUZNACH - LANDAU - FREISTATT Area. Afternoon of 16 January destroyed 1 enemy aircraft, 1 probably destroyed, 1 armored vehicle, 216 buildings, 7 motor transports, 3 rail cars; damaged 1 enemy aircraft, 1 building, 2 tunnels, 1 supply dump, caused 17 railcuts and 2 road blocks in the MONEBURG - LANDAU - LUTERBOURG area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

1. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and clear, visible.
3. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

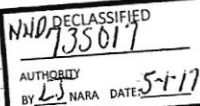
a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Maintained and improved defensive positions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 410 RCT closed in VI Corps sector and effected relief of 276 Inf (TF HERREN) in position. 276 Inf moving to XXI Corps sector to relieve 411 Inf in position. Remainder Div no change.
- (3) 142 RCT: No change.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Local relief of front line elements and improvement of defensive positions.

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(2) 100 Inf Div: Patrolled and continued improvement of defensive positions

(3) 36 Inf Div: 141 RCT: Maintained defensive positions. 142 RCT: Attached to XXI Corps. 143 RCT: Remained in reserve and continued work on switch positions.

(4) 2 DB: No change.

c. VI Corps:

(1) 45 Inf Div: All units in left of Div zone continued to improve their positions. 103 Inf Div continued the relief of TF HERREN in the right of the Div zone. A strong enemy counterattack was repulsed by elements of the 157 Inf in vic (R8542). The remainder of the Div zone was generally quiet during the period.

(2) 103 Inf Div: 409 Inf no change. 410 Inf relieved 276 Inf which began movement to XXI Corps sector.

(3) 79 Inf Div: 222 Inf (attached) maintained positions on Div left flank, repulsed enemy patrols late in period. Vigorous house to house fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) with 2 and 3 Bns of 315 Inf reinforced by elements of 14 Armd Div heavily engaged. 1 Bn 314 Inf closed in assembly area vic OBERHOFFEN (R0920) and 1 Bn 315 Inf closed vic R1536. Both units relieved from attachment to 45 Inf Div and reverted to control of 79 Inf Div. CCB 12 Armd Div relieved from attachment 79 Inf Div and reverted to control of parent unit.

(4) 14 Armd Div: Close fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733). CCB pushed armored ren to North and East of towns and supported attacks of CCA and CCR by fire. CCA and 3 Bn 315 Inf engaged in house to house fighting against enemy holding West edge of RITTERSHOFFEN. Attack of CCR and 2 Bn 315 Inf launched against HATTEN at 1500A. made little progress. Enemy attack against HATTEN at 1701A was repulsed after heavy fighting and yielding some ground but at end of period CCR and 2 Bn 315 Inf still held western third of town.

(5) 12 Armd Div: At 0200A, CCA and CCB launched a coordinated attack to destroy enemy W of RHINE in the DRUSENHEIM (R1618) - HERRLISHEIM (R1214) area. CCB attacked and reached the RR and RJ vic (R137159) after encountering heavy fire but withdrew to vic ROHRWILLER (R1217) to reorganize. CCA crossed ZORN River and attacked toward OFFENDORF (R1312). Stiff resistance was encountered in reaching a position 400 yds W of STAINWALD Woods (R1011). A renewed effort was made against the woods with little progress and all elements withdrew W of the ZORN River late in the afternoon.

(6) 117 Cav Rcn Sq: No change.

d. CP Changes: 12 Armd Adv CP: BRUMATH Q9814.

5. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs and 106 Cav Gp: Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div: Very Satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI Corps: Relief of 103 Inf Div by TF HERREN progressed according to schedule. XV Corps: Continued to improve defensive positions. VI Corps: Relief of TF HERREN by 103 Inf Div continued. Heavy fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN. The attack of 12 Armd Div to destroy enemy pocket W of RHINE in the HERRLISHEIM area, made good progress initially but resistance stiffened and all units withdrew W of the ZORN River.

3. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 152359A:

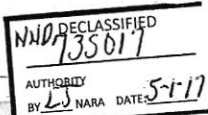
Killed	6693
Captured	203
Missing	7808
Wounded	35886

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 152359A: 77236.

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 TO : 172400A Jan 1945
 Hq Seventh Army
 LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
 20 January 1945

No. 155

MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26 Inf Div organized and improved positions. 35 Inf Div remained in Corps reserve. 90 Inf Div advanced on right flank and cleared out stubborn resistance, on left flank captured OBERWAMPACH (P6559) and entered SCHIMPACH (Q6558), and then repulsed two counter-attacks vic (P6560) with heavy loss to enemy. 6 Armd Div captured LONGWILLY (P6460) and continued advance against heavy small arms and AT fire. Patrols established contact with 101 A/B Div in BOURCY (P6264).
- (2) VIII Corps: 17 A/B Div relieved elements 11 Armd Div in sector. 101 A/B Div continued attack capturing RACHAMPS (P6067), HARDIGNY (P6166) and BOURCY (P6264). 11 Armd Div continued advance capturing MABOUFRE (P5768) and WICOURT (P5968).
- (3) XII Corps: Maintained positions.
- (4) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div continued to organize positions. 376 Inf clearing enemy from area between TETTINGEN (L0402) and NEUNIG (L0204). 95 Inf Div no change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Element 3 DIA attacking GAMBSHEIM (R1110) withdrew to line of departure. Supported attack of 12 Armd Div (US) N of GAMBSHEIM by fire. Remainder Corps no change.
- (2) I Corps: Maintained positions.

c. Air: XII TAC: Flew no missions due to weather. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with light snowfall. Visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: No change.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Div cleared Corps zone at approximately 1130A. Div attached to VI Corps.
- (3) TF HERREN: 276 Inf relieved 411 RCT of the 103 Inf Div in position. Remainder TF continued to improve defensive positions and conduct active patrolling.
- (4) 10 Armd Div: CSA closed in area vic Q2030. TF RILEY closed in area vic Q1516.
- (5) 142 RCT: Continued to cover relief of 103 Inf Div. Alerted for return to parent unit.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Continued to hold and improve defensive positions.

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- (2) 100 Inf Div: Continued improvement of defensive positions. Units rotated front line elements and conducted limited training in rear areas.
- (3) 36 Inf Div (less 142 RCT): 141 RCT continued to maintain and improve defensive positions. 143 RCT continued work on VOLKSBURG (Q6738) - LORENTZEN (Q5939) switch position. 141 RCT attached to 100 Inf Div in position at 2200A.
- (4) 2 DB: No change.

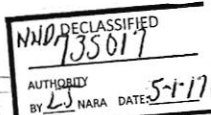
c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf continued to readjust and improve positions and sent out strong combat patrols. Elements within XV Corps sector were relieved by elements of the 36 Inf Div. 180 Inf made several local attacks to improve positions. 3 Bn advanced against moderate resistance to Q801387 where dug in enemy were encountered. All elements of the 157 Inf were engaged in mopping up enemy who had infiltrated in rear of their main positions. 1st and 2nd Bn made slight progress against strong enemy resistance. 36 Engr C Regt continued aggressive patrolling and improvising of positions. 274 Inf (TF HERREN) was relieved at attachment 45 Inf Div and attached to 103 Inf Div effective 2030A.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 103 Inf Div with 274 Inf attached assumed command of sector at 2030A. Div continued minor regrouping of forces. 1 Bn 410 Inf moved to NIEDERBRONN and prepared to move to assembly area vic SOUFFLEHEIM (R1625) on 18 Jan. 411 Inf closed Div sector and remained motorized for further movement 18 Jan.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: An enemy attack from DALHUNDEN (R1819) toward SESSENHEIM (R1822) at 0845A succeeded in occupying the SE part of town. 1st Bn 314 Inf (attached to 232 Inf) moved to SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322), and launched a counterattack at 1100A which drove the enemy from the town and S of RR tracks vic R183212. 1st Bn 313 Inf closed vic SOUFFLEHEIM (R1725) at end of period. 315 Inf continued to operate in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area under control of the 14 Armd Div. Remainder Div sector generally quiet.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: CCA and 1st and 3rd Bns of 315 Inf continued to be heavily engaged in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). CCR and 2 Bn 315 Inf were attacked in HATTEN (R1733) by enemy inf and tanks at 0730A. Intense house to house fighting followed with little change in positions.
- (5) 12 Armd Div: CCA launched an attack to the NE in the direction of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and entered S part of town where heavy street fighting followed. CCB attacked in the direction of OFFENDORF (R1312) and after meeting stiff resistance in the woods vic R1011, changed direction of attack and reached the SE edge of HERRLISHEIM. Elements of 56 AIB attacked at 0115A and established a bridgehead E of canal vic R133164; construction on a bridge was started. Later in the period all elements withdrew W of the ZORN River.
- (6) 117 Cav Rcn Sq: Tr B reinforced with one lt tank platoon moved to assembly area vic SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322), attached to 79 Inf Div on arrival.

d. CP Changes: 10 Armd Div opened vic Q2524.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 36 and 44 Inf Divs, TF HERREN and 106 Cav Gp: satisfactory. 100 Inf Div: Very satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI Corps: improvement of defensive positions continued. 103 Inf Div passed to control of VI Corps. Element 10 Armd Div closed in XXI Corps area. TF HERREN (less one Regt) closed in assigned sector. XV Corps continued to improve and defend present positions. 141 RCT of 36 Inf Div attached to 100 Inf Div. VI Corps: 45 Inf Div continued to mop up enemy who had infiltrated behind 157 Inf main line. 103 Inf Div with the 274 Inf attached assumed command of their sectors at 2030A. Heavy fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area with very little progress being made. An enemy penetration...



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SESSENHEIM was thrown back by our counterattack and line restored along RR to the S. Elements 12 Armd Div entered southern part of HERRLISHEIM where fighting continued at the end of the period.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 162359A:

Killed : 6762
Captured : 203
Missing : 7872
Wounded : 36361

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED AS OF 162359A: 77,474.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: 26 Inf Div improved positions and maintained strong patrols. 35 Inf Div in reserve. 90 Inf Div repulsed enemy attacks vic OBERWAMBACH (F6559). 6 Armd Div advanced to BOURCY - LONGVILLY Highway and maintained contact with 90 Inf Div on right and VIII Corps on left.
- (2) VIII Corps: 17 A/B Div relieved 11 Armd Div and assumed responsibility for zone at 180800A. 101 A/B Div moving to assembly area.
- (3) XII Corps: 87 Inf Div began relief of 4 Inf Div in zone. CG 87 Inf Div assumed command of 4 Inf Div zone 170900A. 5 Inf Div attacked across the SURE River at 0300A against moderate resistance. 80 Inf Div attacked at 0700A and seized NOCHER (F7351) while elements moved toward high ground vic MASSELER (F7849).
- (4) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div organized positions and repulsed counterattacks vic BUTZDORF (L0204). 95 Inf Div improved positions and continued patrolling.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC: Flew no missions due to weather. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Continued cold, overcast and cloudy, visibility poor.

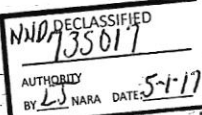
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued active patrolling and improvement of defensive positions.
- (2) TF HERREN (less one Regt): Improved defensive positions and conducted active patrolling.
- (3) 10 Armd Div: CCA conducted relief of 142 RCT in assembly areas vic MERLEBACH (Q3361) and CAPEL (Q3552). 142 RCT cleared Corps sector at 1330A and upon arrival XV Corps sector reverted to 36 Inf Div.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Continued to hold and improve defensive positions.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: Div with 141 Inf attached continued to improve defensive positions. At close of period 397 Inf was in process of relieving 255 Inf in positions.

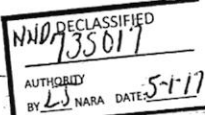
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- (3) 36 Inf Div (less 141 RCT): Began movement to VI Corps. 143 RCT cleared XV Corps sector at 1230A, passing to control of VI Corps same time. 142 RCT closed vic DURSTEL (Q6032) at 1600A.
- (4) 2 DB: CCR cleared XV Corps sector at 2045A enroute to assembly area vic MOLSHEIM (V8193). CCL moved at 2045A and at close of period was clearing XV Corps sector. Upon arrival II Fr Corps zone units are attached to II Fr Corps. Remainder Div, no change.

c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf (less one Bn) continued to improve positions and maintained patrol contact with enemy; 2 Bn moved to vic ROTHBACH (R8434) attached to 157 Inf. 180 Inf improved positions and patrolled in its sector. 1 and 2 Bns 157 Inf and 2 Bn 179 Inf attacked N to mop up enemy infiltration in rear of 3 Bn of 157 Inf. Little progress was made against stubborn resistance. Elements 36 Engr C Regt attacked to consolidate positions vic Hill 403 (Q834402), made only local gains against strong enemy resistance.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: 274 Inf (attached) maintained previously held positions. Remainder front line positions no change. Sector generally quiet. 1 Bn 410 Inf closed assembly area vic R1322 at 0830A, attached to 79 Inf Div. 411 Inf (less one Bn) closed assembly area vic SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322) at 1700A, attached to 79 Inf Div. 2 Bn 411 Inf closed assembly area vic ROTHBACH (Q9334) at 1300A attached to 45 Inf Div.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: 222 Inf (attached) maintained positions on Div left flank. 315 Inf continued heavy fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) with 14 Armd Div. 242 Inf maintained defensive positions in HAGUENAU Forest, south of HATTEN. 1 Bn 313 Inf remained assembled vic SOUFFLENHEIM (R1322). 1 Bn 314 Inf held positions vic R188247. Tr B 117 CavRcn Sq (reinf) occupied RUMZENHEIM (R1924). Elements of 232 Inf, 313 Inf and 314 Inf held line R182233 - R192233 against attempted enemy infiltration. 1 Bn 410 Inf counterattacked SE from vicinity SOUFFLENHEIM (R1322) to restore positions held by elements of 232 Inf, but was stopped on line R165205 - R178209 by stiff enemy resistance. Other elements of 232 Inf and 314 Inf held the south edge of BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM on line R152202 - R162203. 314 Inf (less one Bn) maintained positions in the ROHRWILLER (R1217) - DRUSENHEIM (R1518) sector. 411 Inf (less one Bn) attached to 79 Inf Div assembled vic SCHIRRHOFEN (R1322) and prepared for counterattack mission.
- (4) 36 Inf Div (less one RCT): 143 RCT moved from XV Corps to VI Corps zone, attached to VI Corps on arrival at 1700A. 1 Bn assembled vic BATZENDORF (Q9720). 3 Bn vic NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM (R0019). 2 Bn vic WITERSHEIM (Q9420) moved to blocking positions E of BISCHWILLER (R0919). Remainder of Div continued to move to VI Corps zone.
- (5) 14 Armd Div: CCA with 1 and 2 Bns 315 Inf continued to probe enemy positions vic RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) but made little progress against stiff enemy resistance. CCR and 2 Bn 315 Inf held positions in HATTEN (R1733) and repulsed an enemy attack late in the period. CCB no change.
- (6) 12 Armd Div: The enemy launched an attack against CCA in HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and some enemy infiltrated positions. 66 Armd Inf Bn and 23 Tr Bn were forced to withdraw to defensive positions West of the ZORN River from (R078111) to (R111150) in the afternoon. Elements of 17 Armd Inf Bn withdrew to vic GEUNERTHEIM (R0013). At close of period patrols E of HERRLISHEIM had failed to make contact with 43 Tk Bn. CCB organized defensive positions from R110115 generally along the ZORN River at R135170. At close of period elements were engaged with an enemy patrol which had infiltrated our positions vic ROHRWILLER (R1217).

d. CP Changes: 36 Inf Div opened in HAGUENAU (R0323) at 1300A.



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6. **COMBAT EFFICIENCY:** 36 and 44 Inf Divs and TF HERREN: Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div and 106 Cav Gp: Very Satisfactory. Remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:** XXI Corps continued patrolling and improvement of defensive positions. CCA of 10 Armd Div completed relief of 142 RCT. XV Corps continued to improve and defend present positions. 143 RCT (36 Inf Div) passed to control of VI Corps. VI Corps: 45 Inf Div continued to improve positions and mop up enemy infiltration. 14 Armd Div and 315 Inf made little progress against stubborn resistance in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN area. 12 Armd Div withdrew from HERRLISHEIM to defensive positions along the ZORN River.
8. **TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 172359A:**
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| Killed | 6816 |
| Captured | 205 |
| Missing | 7882 |
| Wounded | 36722 |
9. **AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 172359A:** 77803.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) III Corps: Improved positions and continued patrolling.
- (2) VIII Corps: Maintained positions. Continued aggressive patrolling. 101 A/B Div closed assembly area in Corps reserve.
- (3) XII Corps: Cleared BETTENDORF (F9143) and continued attack to enlarge bridgehead, clearing ERFELDANGE (P8341), DICKIRCH (P8642).
- (4) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div continued to hold positions and repulse enemy attacks in the BUTZDORF area. 95 Inf Div no change.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change.
- (2) I Corps: No change.

c. Air: XII TAC: Flew no missions morning 19 January due to weather. Afternoon of 19 January destroyed 91 buildings, 2 motor transports, 2 horse drawn vehicles, 5 barges, 20 tanks and motor transports, 4 rail cars; damaged 1 locomotive, 25 buildings, 3 motor transports, 2 horse drawn vehicles, 1 rail car, 3 ponton sections, 1 bridge; caused 3 rail cuts and 1 road block. Bom Safety Line: No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Continued cold, sleet, and rain; visibility fair to poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued active patrolling and improvement of positions.
- (2) TF HERREN (less 274 Inf): Continued improvement of defensive positions and conducted active patrolling.
- (3) 10th Armd Div: 10th Armd Div less CCR closed in Corps area.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Local relief of units. Active patrolling and continued work on defensive positions. 255 Inf (100 Inf Div) attached to 44 Inf Div effective 1300L.
- (2) 100 Inf Div (141 RCT of 36th Inf Div attached): Maintained positions and conducted active patrolling. 255 Inf was relieved by 397 Inf in positions and was attached to 44 Inf Div. Local relief of units within Div continued throughout period.
- (3) 36 Inf Div: Div less 141 RCT cleared Corps sector at 1130A and moved to assembly area in VI Corps sector.
- (4) 2 DB: CCV cleared Corps area at 2230A enroute to vic MOLSHEIM (V82). CCD remained in assembly area vic VINTERSBOURG (Q5921) and prepared movement to II French Corps area.

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c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 179 Inf (less one Bn) and 180 Inf maintained and improved positions on Corps left flank and patrolled to their front. 3 Bn 157 Inf plus elements of the 1st and 2nd Bns isolated by enemy infiltration. vic Q815395 held position against repeated enemy attacks. The remainder of the 157 Inf, with 2nd Bn 179 Inf attached, continued attack to make contact with the 3rd Bn but was forced to dig in along line (Q808384) (Q822382) by heavy enemy fire. 36th Engr C Regt supported the attack of 157 Inf while elements renewed their attack on Hill 403 (Q835403) and reached (Q838408) against strong resistance. 2nd Bn 411 Inf remained in reserve vic (Q853345) and prepared for possible counterattack missions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Sector remained quiet during period.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: 3rd Bn 314 Inf repulsed enemy attack starting at 182400Z in vicinity of ROHRWILLER (R1217). At 0530A 3rd Bn 411 Inf counterattacked to retake SIESSENHEIM (R1822). NW edge of town was reached by 0730A against light resistance and the Bn penetrated well into town but our supporting tanks were disabled by the enemy, causing a withdrawal to BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM (R1621). 1st Bn 410 Inf made two attacks on enemy in the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM area with little progress and established a line R150200, R163205. At 1830A the enemy launched an attack in strength on DRUSENHEIM (R1518) and surrounded the 2nd Bn 314 Inf in the town. Another enemy thrust penetrated our defenses and forced the 3rd Bn 314 Inf to withdraw to the SW and block the DRUSENHEIM - ROHRWILLER road. 2nd Bn 232 Inf was attached to 12 Armd Div effective 1200A. 3rd Bn assembled vic SCHIRRHOFEN (R1422).
- (4) 36 Inf Div: 142 RCT closed in VI Corps area. The Div (less 141 RCT) relieved the 12 Armd Div in positions along the Corps right flank and assumed command of sector at 2100A. 143 Inf took positions along road from R056125 to R122171. 142 Inf took reserve positions at BISCHWILLER (R0818), GRITS (R0517), and KURTZENHOUSEN (R0515).
- (5) 14 Armd Div: CCA attacked in northern RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533), making only slight progress against stubborn resistance. CCB maintained armored patrols and tank stalking teams in the RITTERSHOFFEN - LEITERSWILLER (R1536) area. CCR received two enemy attacks in the HATTEN (R1733) area at 0800A and 1215A. Both attacks were repulsed after slight loss of ground.
- (6) 12 Armd Div: Positions along the ZORN River were attacked heavily by enemy tanks and inf. An attack at 0630A vic (R104140) was thrown back. However, enemy infiltrated later vic (R077110) and in the afternoon powerful attacks moving W out of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and along the GAMBSHEIM (R1010) - WEYERSHEIM (R0512) road forced a withdrawal to the general line of the KESSELGRABEN and EICHBRAGEN Rivers. 36 Inf Div relieved the forward elements of the Div in the afternoon and assumed command of the sector at 2100A. Armd elements of the Div remained to support the 36 Inf Div while the remainder of the Div assembled vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8817). No contact was established with the 43 Tk Bn previously reported out of contact vic HERRLISHEIM.

d. CP's: No change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: 12 Armd Div: Unsatisfactory. 44th, 45th, 79th Inf Divs, TF HERREN, TF LINDEN and 14th Armd Div: Satisfactory. 100th, 36th and 103rd Inf Divs and 106th Cav Gp: Very Satisfactory. 10th Armd Div: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI Corps and XV Corps continued adjustment and improvement of defensive positions. In the VI Corps, the attack of the 45 Inf Div to regain contact with 3rd Bn 157 Inf made little progress. 14 Armd Div continued to be heavily engaged in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area. 12 Armd Div was forced back by strong enemy attacks to a general line between ROHRWILLER and WEYERSHEIM where it was relieved by 36th Inf Div.

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8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 1823594:

Killed	6841
Captured	205
Missing	8042
Wounded	39929

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 1823594: 77,827.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: Repulsed hostile attacks vicinity SAARLAUTERN (Q2980). 35 Inf Div (-1 RCT) assigned XX Corps from III Corps, assembled in METZ.
- (2) XII Corps: Cleared LONGSDORF (P9045), and advanced through woods North and West of BASTENDORF (P8744).
- (3) III Corps: Regrouped forces and completed local reliefs.
- (4) VIII Corps: Maintained positions.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: No change.
- (2) I Corps: Attacked to the North at 200745A. 9 DIC captured FASTATT (V6708), ILLZAC (V7109). 4 DMM advanced to VIEUX THANN (V5412). Resistance moderate. Corps advanced up to 3 Kms during the period, and continued to attack.

c. Air: XII TAC destroyed 8 buildings, 2 barges, 1 pier, 7 horse drawn vehicles, 2 motor transports, damaged 1 building, 1 gun position and made 2 rail cuts in the COLMAR area. Destroyed 3 locomotives, 1 building, damaged 1 locomotive, 2 buildings, 2 motor transports in STUTTGART area. Destroyed 5 buildings; damaged 1 building in RASTATT area. Destroyed 5 enemy aircraft in the DONLUESCHINGEN area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Light snow and cold; visibility poor to fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 106 CavGrp: Continued to patrol in sector.
- (2) TF HERRUN: No changes reported.
- (3) 10 Armd Div: CCB departed Corps sector at 1800A enroute to XV Corps. CCR closed in assembly area vic NEBING (Q3234) at 1030A.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: Division remained on the defensive during the period, and positions were improved. At end of period, 255 Inf (TF HARRIS) began relief of one Bn 324 Inf in positions.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: 397 Inf initiated preparation of a new defensive line. Division maintained defenses and carried out local reliefs. 398 Inf assembled in PETIT REDERCHING (Q6851) - MONTERONN (Q6944) - GUISEBERG (Q6746) area. No enemy contact reported during period.

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- (3) 10 Armd Div: CCB began assembling vic WOLFSKIRCHEN (Q5131), attached to XV Corps on arrival. Movement was hampered by icy condition of roads.

c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 157 Inf (43 Bn), reinforced by 2nd Bn 179 Inf and 2nd Bn 411 Inf, attacked to the N at 0725A and 1015A to establish contact with 3 Bn, isolated by the enemy. All attempts met heavy resistance and attacks made no progress. Late in the period, 3 Bn of 157 Inf was directed to attack S and break out of its encirclement. Under cover of darkness, 36 Engr (C) Regt began withdrawing under a screening force, as directed. Remainder of Div continued to exert pressure on the enemy. No other changes in positions.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Toward close of period, division initiated its withdrawal to delaying positions on general line ROTHBACH (Q8434) - NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) as ordered.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: 2 Bn 314 Inf remained surrounded by enemy vic DRUSENHEIM (R1518), but approximately 60 men infiltrated back to their parent unit. All efforts to relieve the Bn were unsuccessful. Local reliefs were accomplished and division began withdrawal to line NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) at close of period. CCA, 14 Armd Div, attached as covering force.
- (4) 14 Armd Div: CCA attached to 79 Inf Div at 201800A to cover its withdrawal. Division (- CCA) disengaged the enemy and began movement to assembly area vic DETTWILLER (Q8017) at 2112A.
- (5) 12 Armd Div: 23 and 714 Tank Bns remained in general support of 36 Inf Div. Remainder of Div, after being relieved by 36 Inf Div, began movement to assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8717).

- d. CP changes: 12 Armd Div opened HOCHFELDEN (Q8717). 79 Inf Div opened SCHWINDRATZHEIM (Q9017).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: VI Corps: All units Satisfactory. XV Corps: 44 Inf Div - Satisfactory. 100 Inf Div: Very Satisfactory. XXI Corps: TF HERREN - Satisfactory. 106 Cav Gp and 10 Armd Div: Very Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI and XV Corps continued defensive roles with sectors generally quiet. VI Corps disengaged the enemy and commenced withdrawal to delaying positions as planned. Two Bns of VI Corps remained isolated and all efforts to rescue them failed, although some infiltration to parent units was successfully accomplished.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 192359A:

Killed	6385
Captured	205
Missing	9377
Wounded	37112

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 192359A: 77,862.

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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div continued fighting in vic ORSCHOLZ (L1201). 95 Inf Div repulsed counterattacks on SAARLAUTERN bridgehead.
- (2) XII Corps: Continued to attack to the North, entered WELSCHEID (P8044) BURDEN (P8243), and BOURSCHEID (P8046) against moderate resistance.
- (3) III Corps: Continued steady progress to the North, crossed WILTZ River and captured GRUMELSCHEID (P6655), occupied ALLERBORN (P6661), CHIFONTAINE (P6560), HAMIVILLE (P6862) and seized TROINE (P6764).
- (4) VIII Corps: Advanced along entire front against light to moderate resistance, reached BURET (P6668).

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 28 Inf Div (US) relieved elements 3rd Inf Div (US). 3rd Inf Div closed to NE in zone to permit entry of 28 Inf Div into the line.
- (2) I Corps: Continued attack to the North against stiffening opposition. 4 DIM entered VIEUX THANN (V5412). 9 DIC occupied KINGERSHEIM (V7010) and LUTTERBACH (V6606), captured about 100 PW's. The eastern half of RICHWILLER (V6608) was also cleared. 2DIM forced to withdraw slightly after enemy attack, reached crossroad at V594099 at 0930A. Progress of Corps hindered by heavy snow.

c. Air: XII TAC bombed tank concentration and road vic HERRLISHEIM (R1214). Bomb Safety Line: No change.

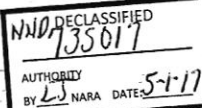
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Snow flurries, cold; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps: No reported changes in positions.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: No changes in front line positions. 255 Inf completed relief of 324 Inf in position and 324 Inf occupied MAGINOT defenses from ROHRBACH (Q6549) to WITTRING (Q5750). Local reliefs and regrouping carried out without incident.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: Activity in sector consisted of improvement and maintenance of prepared defenses. Intermittent harassing arty fire was received in sector during the period.
- (3) CCB, 10 Armd Div: Closed in assembly area vic WOLFSKIRCHEN (Q5131) at 0200A and established a counter-reconnaissance screen in Corps sector South of MAGINOT Line by 1200A.
- (4) 101 Airborne Div: Began arriving in Corps sector, and assembling vic DRULINGEN (Q6020), attached to XV Corps on arrival. At end of period, 3 regts had closed (501 and 506 Pacht Inf regts and 327 glider Inf Regt).

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c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: By 2115, Div completed scheduled withdrawals. 179 Inf (-2 Bn) vic WINZEN (Q7335) maintained previous positions. 180 Inf withdrew and established new positions along road from (Q7838) to (Q8137). 36 Engr C Regt pulled back to the WILDENGUTH (Q7837) - ROTHBACH (Q8434) road, completing movement by 2000A. 157 Inf (-3 Bn) assembled in ZIT-TERSHEIM (Q7133) by 2115A. Contact with 3 Bn 157 Inf, isolated by the enemy 20 Jan. could not be gained. Bn presumed to be lost. 2 Bn 411 Inf reverted to control of parent unit at BOUXWILLER (Q8125). A covering force of platoons and squads, equivalent to one company per Bn, was employed, from 1000 - 3000 yds in front of units. There was no evidence of an immediate enemy follow-up of the withdrawal.
- (2) 103 Inf Div: Div withdrew as scheduled to the ROTHBACH (Q8434) - NIED-ERMÖDERN (Q9027) line. One Inf Co per Bn was assigned as covering force and on completion of withdrawal, outposted main positions from 2 - 3 Kms. 274 Inf (TF HERREN) assembled at NIEDERSOULTZBACH (Q8027). 411 Inf returned to Div control in BOUXWILLER (Q8125) area.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: The division and attached units successfully completed withdrawal during morning to new defense line NIEDERMÖDERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) without incident. 2nd Bn, 314 Inf, surrounded by enemy in DRUSENHEIM (R1518) on 19 Jan presumed to be lost. CCA, 14 Armd Div remained attached as rear guard force, until withdrawal was completed, then assembled at 1420A in Div assembly area S of DETTWILLER (Q8017), under control of parent unit. New MLR outposted approximately 3 Kms to the front. Late in the period, outposts of 242 Inf and 314 Inf were driven in by enemy tanks and Inf. 232 Inf closed in area BOSSENDORF (Q8720) at 1600A and passed to Corps control at that time.
- (4) 36 Inf Div: 142 Inf relieved 143 Inf in positions at 2200A. During the night, 1 Bn 143 Inf withdrew to GRIES (R0617). Enemy maintained pressure on Div front. A small group of enemy tanks made a slight penetration to R0714. 232 Inf passed to Corps control on closing in BOSSENDORF (Q8720) at 1600A.
- (5) 12 Armd Div: Two tank Bns supported 36 Inf Div until late in the period, then began moving to 12 Armd Div assembly area. Div (-2 Tank Bns) closed in HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) - GOUGENHEIM (Q8711) area.
- (6) 14 Armd Div: Div (-CCA) completed withdrawal and assembly S of DETTWILLER (Q8017) late in the morning. CCA rejoined Div there at 1420A.

d. CP changes: 12 Armd Div opened HOCHFELDEN (Q8717); 45 Inf Div LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6924); 101 Airborne Div, DRULINGEN (Q6029); 36 Inf Div, MOMMENHEIM (Q9317); 14 Armd Div, DETTWILLER (Q8017); 103 Inf Div, EMSHEIM (Q7922).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XXI Corps: 106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory; 10 Armd Div (-CCB) - Excellent; TF HERREN - Satisfactory. XV Corps: 44 Inf Div - Satisfactory; 100 Inf Div and 101 Airborne Div - Very Satisfactory. VI Corps: Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XXI and XV Corps continued defensive missions. About half of 101 Airborne Div closed in XV Corps sector. VI Corps completed planned withdrawal to delaying positions.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 202359A:

Killed : 6898
 Captured : 206
 Missing : 9574
 Wounded : 37273

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 202359A: 77,903.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 95 Inf Div Launched successful limited objective attack in SAARLAUTERN bridgehead area.
- (2) XII Corps: Continued to attack, cleared BOURSCHEID (P8047), reached DIRBACH (P7848)
- (3) III Corps: Advanced up to 6 miles in zone, cleared 19 towns, including WILTZ (P7053).
- (4) VIII Corps: Steady progress to the North continued.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 3rd Inf Div (US) attacked to SE at 2130A, crossed FECHT River at GUENAR (V7454) by midnight. Resistance sporadic. 28 Inf Div (US) exerted pressure on right flank of 3rd Inf Div. 3 DIA repulsed enemy penetration vic KILSTETT (R0909) at 220400A.
- (2) I Corps: Continued to attack, captured WURTENHEIM (V7208), and convent at OELLENBURG (V6005). Weather impeded progress of attack.

- c. Air: XII TAC: Destroyed 14 motor transports, 9 buildings, 1 armored vehicle damaged 3 locomotives, 19 box cars, 3 armored vehicles, 8 motor transports, 1 tank, 6 buildings, and made 1 rail cut in the HOMBURG - KAISERSLAUTERN - NEUSTADT - LANDAU area. Destroyed 12 RR cars, 14 motor transports, 15 buildings, 2 horse drawn vehicles, 1 tank, 3 flak guns; damaged 8 buildings, 22 RR cars, 23 motor transports, 2 gun positions, 2 rail cranes, 1 radio station, 1 railbridge; caused 4 rail cuts and 2 road blocks in the HOMBURG - KAISERSLAUTERN - NEUSTADT - LANDAU area. Damaged 1 rail bridge and made 1 rail cut in COLMAR area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, snow; visibility fair to poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps:

- (1) 10 ArmDiv (-CC B); CCR moved to vic FAQUEMONT (Q1750).
- (2) 106 Cav Gp: Conducted successful local raids.
- (3) TF Herren: Improved defenses.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div: 2 Bn 324 Inf moved to vic LCHEN (Q5949), closed 0110A. Div improved positions.
- (2) 100 Inf Div: 398 Inf relieved 141 Inf (36 Inf Div) in position at 2045A. 141 Inf began movement to VI Corps sector.

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(3) 101 Airborne Div: Closed vic DRULINGEN (Q6020), 222400A.

c. VI Corps:

(1) 45 Inf Div: 274 Inf assembled vic (Q7437), (attached to 45 Inf Div) and began relief of 179 Inf in positions. At 0230A, the 180th Inf covering force was withdrawn. Late in the period, 157 Inf (29 Bn) commenced movement to SCHUENBOURG (Q6526) - LOHR (Q6428) area. Remainder Div maintained positions.

(2) 103 Inf Div: 1 Bn 410 Inf rejoined parent unit vic UTTWILLER (Q8228) at 0045A. A small enemy group on left flank occupied OFFWILLER (Q8534). 274 Inf moved to 45 Inf Div sector, attached to that Div on arrival. All other units of Div maintained patrol contact with enemy, or remained in reserve positions.

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(3) 79 Inf Div: 313 and 222 Infs (TF Linden) demolished all bridges over the MODER RIVER in sectors. Patrols, friendly and enemy, were active vic BOI DE OBERHOFFEN (R0920) and HUGENAU (R0323). 1 Bn 315 Inf moved to MARIENTHAL (R0620). Present positions along the NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) line were improved.

(4) 36 Inf Div: 142 Inf relieved 143 Inf in position and occupied woods in vic R0714 with no opposition. 143 Inf, on being relieved, moved to assembly area BIETLENLEIM (R0313) - GEUDERTHEIM (R0113) - GRIES (R0617). Sector remained quiet.

(5) 12 Armd Div: Div, with attachments, reverted to Army control in place at 220700A. Responsibility for screening mission on Corps S flank, performed by Div Rcn elements, was assumed by rcn elements of 14 Armd Div.

(6) 14 Armd Div: Div rcn elements relieved 12 Armd Div rcn screen on Corps S flank. Effective 2200A, one tank Co, 25 Tank Bn, attached to 79 Inf Div.

d. CP Changes: VI Corps opened SAVERNE (Q7215) at 221330A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

XXI Corps - 106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory.
TF Herren - Satisfactory.
10 Armd Div (-CCB) - Very Satisfactory.

XV Corps - 44 Inf Div - Satisfactory.
100 Inf Div - Very Satisfactory.

VI Corps - Satisfactory.
Remainder of Army: Excellent.

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7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 101 Airborne Div closed in XV Corps sector. Army continued defensive mission with VI Corps now in new positions. Additional demolitions accomplished on front of VI Corps.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 212359A:

Killed	6922
Captured	206
Missing	10107
Wounded	37403

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 212359A: 78,102.

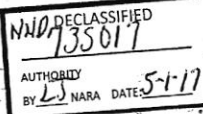
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LUNEVILLE, FRANCE
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div continued operations vic TETTINGEN (L0402). 95 Inf Div aggressively defended SAARLUTERN bridgehead.
- (2) XII Corps: Renewed attacks to the North and succeeded in clearing FUHREN (P8947) against strong resistance.
- (3) III Corps: Gained approximately 3 miles, occupied KUNTHESCHIED (F7358), DONNANGE (F7264), BASBELLAIN (F7473), ESCHWEILER (F7156) and 9 other towns. Met only scattered resistance.
- (4) VIII Corps: Made limited advances, hindered by heavy snow.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: Attack south of GUENAR (V7454) by 3rd Inf Div (US) developed favorably. After crossing FECHT River, rapid advances were made to the ILL River where a strong bridgehead was established vic (V7650). Many towns were liberated. Resistance light to scattered; although several non-detectable mines were encountered. Div continued to attack to southeast.
- (2) I Corps: Made limited gains all along Southern front and repulsed enemy counterattacks. RICHWILLER (V6608) captured.

c. Air: XII TAC destroyed 46 buildings, damaged 13 locomotives, 6 railroad cars and 1 building in the FREUDENSTADT - OFFENBURG - COLMAR area. Destroyed 9 railroad cars, 2 buildings, 16 motor transports, 4 horse drawn vehicles, in the NEUSTADT - LANDAU area. Damaged 3 locomotives, 4 motor transports and caused 2 rail cuts; destroyed 14 motor transports, 11 buildings in the BITCHE OFFENDORF area; damaged 7 motor transports, 7 buildings. Bomb Safety Line: No change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and partly cloudy with snowfall. Visibility fair to poor.

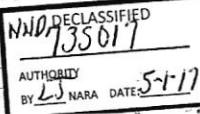
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps.

- (1) 106 Cav Gp: Continued patrolling
- (2) TF HERREN: Sector quiet.
- (3) 10th ArmDiv (-CCB): No Change

b. XV Corps.

- (1) 44th Inf Div: A combat patrol from 253 Inf killed or wounded 3 enemy. Disposition of regts remained unchanged.

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- (2) 100 Inf Div: Relieved front line elements and patrolled aggressively in sector.
- (3) 101st Airborne Div: No change.
- (4) CCB 10th Armd Div: No change.
- (5) 35th Inf Div (-134th Inf): Moved from METZ and closed in assembly area vic DIEUZE (Q2524); passed to control XV Corps on entering Corps area.

c. VI Corps:

- (1) 45th Inf Div: 274th Inf (TF HERREN) completed relief of 179 Inf in position at 0100A. 179th Inf (-2 Bn) moved to defensive positions vic Q8334 - Q8233 and blocked to the East. 157th Inf closed in assembly area vic SCHOENBOURG (Q6526) - LOHR (Q6428). Remainder Div maintained positions.
- (2) 103rd Inf Div: An aggressive enemy attack against 410th Inf regained ROTHBACH (Q8434), after capturing OFFWILLER (Q8534) during previous period. Other units remained in close contact with enemy, or held positions.
- (3) 79th Inf Div: Engaged in strong patrol contact with enemy, especially vic HAGUENAU (R0424).
- (4) 36th Inf Div: Carried out relief of front line battalion without incident.
- (5) 14th Armd Div: CCB moved to vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420), closed 1830A.
- (6) 141st Inf: Reverted to Corps control vic MONSWILLER (Q7317) at 1000A.

d. Army Troops:

- (1) 12th Armd Div: Continued rest and rehabilitation vic HOCHFELDEN (R8717).

3. CP Changes: 10th Armd Div: FALQUEMONT (Q1749), 35th Inf Div: BOURDONNAY (Q2814).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XXI Corps: 106th Cav Gp - Very satisfactory; TF HERREN - Satisfactory; 10th Armd Div (-CCB) - Very Satisfactory. VI Corps: Satisfactory. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div and 101st Airborne Div - Satisfactory; 100th Inf Div and 35th Inf Div - Very Satisfactory. Remainder Army: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Army remained on the defensive. Corps rested and re-fitted their reserve troops, rotated front line units, and retained contact with the enemy by vigorous patrol action. New boundaries in effect as indicated on overlay. 35th Inf (-137th Inf) closed in XV Corps sector.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 222359A:

Killed : 6958
 Captured : 206
 Missing : 10167
 Wounded : 37595

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 222359A: 78,135.

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div retook portion of NENNIG (L0205), occupied by enemy. SAARLAUTERN bridgehead quiet.
- (2) XII Corps: Continued to advance, beat off a small enemy counter-attack, and cleared MERKOLS (P7452) after crossing WILTZ River.
- (3) III Corps: Resumed attack, advanced to CLERF River, captured BINSFELD (P7870) and BIWISCH (P7470) against sporadic opposition.
- (4) VIII Corps: Made limited gains in zone, and completed local regrouping.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: The attack launched night 22 - 23 Jan by 3rd Inf Div (US) continued. A strong enemy counterattack forced slight withdrawal along East bank of ILL River. Bridge across ILL River at V7751 completed. OSTHEIM (V7351) occupied and other minor gains made in this vicinity. Enemy resisted with infantry and armor.
- (2) I Corps: Reached railroad South of GRAFFENWALD (V6209) and ELSE (V6310). A slight enemy penetration into RICHWILLER (V6510) was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

c. Air: XII TAC destroyed 8 buildings, 4 railroad cars, 1 gun position, 2 oil tanks, 1 barge; damaged 10 buildings, 1 barge, 1 pontoon bridge, 1 supply dump, 1 road bridge, made 5 rail cuts and 2 road-blocks in BINGEN - DARMSTADT - KARLSRUHE - LANDAU area. Destroyed 1 road bridge and caused 1 road-block in the FREIBURG area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

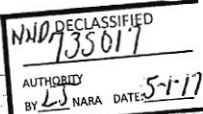
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and overcast; visibility poor.

a. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XXI Corps front remained quiet, patrolling continued.

b. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div (TF Harris attached) - Friendly snipers were active during the period. Work on MAGINOT positions and other defenses, with emphasis on wire entanglements, continued.
- (2) 100 Inf Div - 398 Inf was relieved by 137 Inf (35 Inf Div), and commenced movement to vic PETIT REDERCHING (Q6850) at close of period. 399 Inf repulsed an enemy combat patrol and laid heavy harassing fire on enemy positions.
- (3) 35 Inf Div (-134 Inf) - 320 Inf completed relief of 274 Inf (TF Herren) at 2110A and 274 Inf began return to VI Corps sector. 137 Inf closed vic SOUGHT (Q7040) at 1330A and began relief of 398 Inf (100 Inf Div) in positions.



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(4) 101 Airborne Div - Continued to rest and refit in assembly area vic DRULINGEN (Q5929).

(5) CCB 10 Armd Div - Maintained counter-reconnaissance screen.

c. VI Corps:

(1) 45 Inf Div - 274 Inf (TF Herren) returned to VI Corps control and began assembling vic Q7935 after being relieved by 320 Inf (35 Inf Div). All units of Div continued their assigned missions.

(2) 103 Inf Div - At 0800A, 410 Inf received 2 strong enemy attacks which succeeded in penetrating BISCHOLTZ (Q8532) and MULHAUSEN (Q8631). Friendly artillery took these attacks under fire and destroyed several enemy fighting vehicles. On the Div flanks, outposts were driven in to MLR.

(3) 79 Inf Div - 222 Inf (TF Linden) heavily attacked by enemy fire vic Q9427. After extensive artillery preparation, enemy crossed the MODER River between NEUBOURG (Q9626) and (Q9925). Regimental reserves were committed and fighting continued at close of period. 314 Inf (-2 Bn) moved to the WINTERHOUSE (Q9721) - HOCHSTETT (Q9519) area.

(4) 36 Inf Div - Sector was generally quiet; however, patrol contacts were made, and enemy arty was heavy late in the period.

(5) 232 Inf (TF Linden) - Remained in Corps reserve at BOSSENDORF (Q8720).

(6) 141 Inf (36 Inf Div) - Remained in Corps reserve at MONSWILLER (Q7317).

(7) 14 Armd Div - No change.

d. Army Troops:

(1) 12 Armd Div - Passed to operational control of II French Corps as of 22 January.

e. CP Changes: 35 Inf Div opened TIEFFENBACH (Q6434).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY:

XXI Corps - 106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory.
TF Herren - Satisfactory.
10 Armd Div (-CCB) - Very Satisfactory.

XV Corps - 44 Inf Div and 101 Airborne Div - Satisfactory.
100 Inf Div and 35 Inf Div - Very Satisfactory.

VI Corps - Satisfactory.

Remainder of Army - Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Defensive mission continued. Patrol contact with enemy maintained and local reliefs carried out without incident in XV Corps sector. VI Corps sustained 5 attacks during the period and destroyed several enemy armored vehicles.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 232359A.

Killed : 7042
Captured: 206
Missing : 10280
Wounded : 37897

AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 232359A: 78,285.

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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div recaptured BERG (L0204).
- (2) XII Corps: Advance to the North and East continued, cleared the town of HOSCHEID (P8151) and crossed CLERF River at WILWERWILTZ (P7555).
- (3) III Corps: Reached general line of CLERF RIVER, and crossed river during night against moderate resistance. HOLLER (P7970) and SUPPERDANCE (P7967) occupied.
- (4) VIII Corps: Airborne troops made slight advances in zone.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 3rd Inf Div (US) resumed the attack and regained all ground lost during previous period. Captured HOUSSEN (V7347); reached RIED-WIHR (V7847) and HOITZWIHR (V7646) East of ILL River. 1 DMI crossed ILL River at several points in zone against stiff resistance.
- (2) I Corps: Slow, steady progress continued with bitter fighting. CITE GRAESSELGERSTE (V6210) and several villages in vic were captured, with an average gain of approximately 1 Km along southern front.

- c. Air: XII TAC flew no missions due to weather conditions. Bomb Safety Line effective 260600A; R137100 to R111105, road North to R113116, railway NE to R137159, railway NE to R183217, road North to R166258, river NW to R065297, road North to R064310, road NW to R009343, road North to R005376, road West to Q948370, road NW to Q837440, road NW to Q815475, road NW to Q791498, road to Q781506, road NW to Q769572, road West and North to Q728596, Q693597, road West to Q615610, road NW to Q596635, road to Q558649, road to Q486688, Q474690, road to Q433692, railway North to Q437703, railway West to Q314753 to Third Army Bomb Safety Line to Q3276.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold; heavy snow. Visibility poor to fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

- a. XXI Corps: Corps sector passed to XV Corps control at 251100A. Hq and Hq Co, XXI Corps, with Corps organic troops, passed to control of First French Army.
- b. XV Corps: Assumed command of XXI Corps sector (106 Cav Gp, TF HERREN and 10 Arm'd Div less CCB) at 251100A.
 - (1) 106 Cav Gp: Sector quiet, defensive positions improved.
 - (2) TF HERREN: Organized additional defensive positions.
 - (3) 10 Arm'd Div: Remained in Corps reserve, with no change in positions.
 - (4) 44 Inf Div (TF HARRIS attached): Engaged in extensive combat patrolling, captured 2 enemy pillboxes vic (Q5955), and won a fire fight vic (Q6054).
 - (5) 100 Inf Div: 398 Inf relieved in position by 137 Inf (35 Inf Div) at 0230A, and assembled in area ENCHENBERG (Q7149) - PETIT REDERCHING (Q6850) - LEMBERG (Q7344). Sector remained quiet.

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(6) 35 Inf Div: 437 Inf relieved 398 Inf (100 Inf Div) in position. Only patrol contact with enemy reported.

(7) 101 Airborne Div: Commenced movement to VI Corps sector early in period.

c. VI Corps:

(1) 45 Inf Div: 157 Inf: 2 Bns made shifts in regimental assembly area. 274 Inf (TF HERREN) closed in assembly area vic (Q7935) at 0400A; at end of period began relief of 180 Inf in the line. Small enemy groups were dispersed in sectors of 180 Inf and 36 Engr C Regt.

(2) 103 Inf Div: 409 Inf repulsed strong enemy attack, supported by tanks, at 0800A, vic KINWILLER (Q9027), after heavy fighting. At 0400A, a heavy enemy attack penetrated left flank of 3rd Bn of 410 Inf and reached SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430). East of SCHILLERSDORF, two enemy attacks were broken up at 0630A and 0955A. 1st Bn 410 Inf committed toward SCHILLERSDORF, and with the 2nd Bn 411 Inf, had, by 2200A, cleared the town except for an enemy force caught in southern edge. 3 Bn 411 Inf established road blocks south of the town. MLR was successfully restored. Mopping up operations continued at close of period.

(3) 79 Inf Div: Enemy succeeded in capturing SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q9924) and penetrating into the BOIS DE OHLUNGEN (Q9825); as well as maintaining his bridgehead over the MODER River vic (R0623). However, during the period, 222 Inf (-2 Bn) and 3 Bn 314 Inf, attacked north and northeast through the woods, and reached (Q9725) against light resistance. 232 Inf (TF LINDEN) released from Corps reserve to Div control at 0830A. 1 Bn 314 Inf and 2 Bn 222 Inf attacked SCHWEIGHAUSEN, cleared it except for a few snipers, by 2130A. CCB 14 Armd Div released to 79 Inf Div control, launched a counterattack to the northwest to clear the woods to the MODER River and reached Q9924. 242 Inf counterattacked the enemy crossing at (R0623) and cleared out the pocket, without further commitment of reserves. All positions were restored.

(4) 36 Inf Div: 1 Bn 143 Inf relieved 1 Bn 142 Inf.

(5) 101 Airborne Div: Commenced assembling in Corps sector vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720) - MINVERSHEIM (Q9120), attached to VI Corps on arrival. By end of period, two regts had closed (501 Frcht Inf and 327 Glider Inf).

(6) 141 Inf: No change.

(7) 232 Inf: Released to 79 Inf Div from Corps reserves at 0830A.

(8) 14 Armd Div: CCB attached to 79 Inf Div at 0830A.

d. CP Changes: 101 Airborne Div opened HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) 1600A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XV Corps: 44 Inf Div - Satisfactory.

100 Inf Div, 35 Inf Div, 10 Armd Div (- CCB),

106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory.

VI Corps: Satisfactory.

Remainder of Army: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Control of XXI Corps sector passed to XV Corps, 251100A. 101 Airborne Div began movement to VI Corps sector. VI Corps restored MLR vic of KINWILLER and SCHILLERSDORF and continued reduction of enemy penetration west of SCHWEIGHAUSEN in the BOIS DE OHLUNGEN.

8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 242359A:

Killed : 7114
Captured : 206
Missing : 10743
Wounded : 38209

9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 242359A: 78,440.

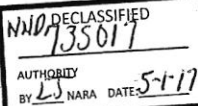
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MAPS: FRANCE, 1:250,000.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:

a. Third Army:

- (1) XX Corps: 94 Inf Div attacked to the east between TETTINGEN (L0402) and NENNIG (L0204) and advanced about 1000 yds against moderate resistance.
- (2) XII Corps: Reached high ground South of CONSTHUM (P7954) after clearing MERSHEID (P8351). Occupied LELLINGEN (P7655) and PINESCHE (P7656).
- (3) III Corps: Gained up to 1-1/2 miles against moderate resistance; captured several villages.
- (4) VIII Corps: Airborne troops advanced 1 mile in zone.

b. First French Army:

- (1) II Corps: 3rd Inf Div (US) continued to attack to the southeast, captured RIEDWIHR (V7847) and ROSENKRANZ (V7247), reached (V8040) North of JEBSHEIM (V8046). 1 DMI and 2 DB pushed forward, seized ILLHAUSERN (V7758) and reached (V7955) and (V7857).
- (2) I Corps: Cleared ERTZENBACHKOPF (V5215), mopped up mine shafts vic CITE ANNA (V6911) and repulsed one small counterattack vic (V6110).

- c. Air: XII TAC destroyed 17 buildings, damaged 6 buildings, 14 box cars, 33 motor transports, and made 1 rail cut in the BITCHE - LANDAU - HAGUENAU area. Destroyed 6 buildings, 1 motor transport, damaged 4 buildings, 1 tank and caused 1 road block in the COLMAR area. Bomb Safety Line no change.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very cold; deep snow. Visibility fair to poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

a. XV Corps:

- (1) 44 Inf Div (TF HARRIS attached): 255 Inf: 1 Bn relieved 3 Bn in the line at 2215A. 253 Inf: 2 Bn relieved 1 Bn in position at 0030A.
- (2) 101 Airborne Div: Cleared XV Corps sector at 1530A enroute to VI Corps sector, passed to control of VI Corps upon arrival.
- (3) Remainder of Corps engaged in organization and improvement of defensive positions and patrolled in sector. No changes in positions of reserve units.

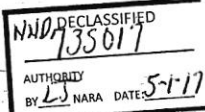
b. VI Corps:

- (1) 45 Inf Div: 2 Bn 274 Inf relieved 2 Bn 180 Inf at 252250A, which assembled vic (Q7933) in regtl reserve. 3 Bn 274 Inf relieved 36 Engr (C) Regt (-1 Bn), which moved to reserve position at WIMMENAU (Q7634). Remainder of Div continued assigned missions, with little activity reported.

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- (2) 103 Inf Div: All organized resistance in SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430) ceased at 1115A, after the enemy force which had been isolated in the town by 410 Inf was liquidated. After a local regrouping of forces, all former positions on the Div MLR were reorganized, and occupied.
- (3) 79 Inf Div: At 0730A, the 3rd Bn, 314 Inf, 2nd Bn 232 Inf, and 68 Armd Inf Bn resumed advance to clear BOIS D'OHLUNGEN (Q9825) and SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q9924). Little resistance was met, and by 1030A, SCHWEIGHAUSEN was clear, and the MLR along the MODER RIVER was restored. COB, 14 Armd Div rejoined its parent unit vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) at 1545A, and was relieved from attachment to 79 Inf Div. Elements of TF LINDEN and 79 Inf Div in left of Div sector were being relieved by 101 Airborne Div at close of period.
- (4) 36 Inf Div: 1 Bn 343 Inf relieved 2 Bn 142 Inf at 252335A. Otherwise no change.
- (5) 101 Airborne Div: Div closed in Corps sector vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720) at 2100A. 501 Frcht Inf and 327 Glider Inf commenced relief of elements of TF LINDEN and 79 Inf Div (3 Bn 222 Inf, 1 and 3 Bns 314 Inf, 2 Bn 232 Inf) in left of Div sector at close of period.
- (6) 141 Inf: Remained in corps reserve vic MONSWILLER (Q7317).
- (7) 14 Armd Div: COB reverted to Div control vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) at 1545A.

c. CP Changes: None.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: XV Corps: 44 Inf Div and TF HERREN - Satisfactory.
35 Inf Div, 100 Inf Div, CCR 10 Armd Div, 106 Cav Gp - Very Satisfactory.
VI Corps: Satisfactory.
Remainder of Army: Excellent.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: XV Corps continued to hold and improve defensive positions. VI Corps annihilated an enemy group in SCHILLERSDORF, cleared all enemy penetrations, and restored MLR. 101 Airborne Div closed in VI Corps sector.
8. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 252359A:

Killed	: 7197
Captured	: 206
Missing	: 10811
Wounded	: 38614
9. AXIS PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN AS OF 252359A: 78,964.

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